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Made In America – The Pilgrim Story and How It Grew

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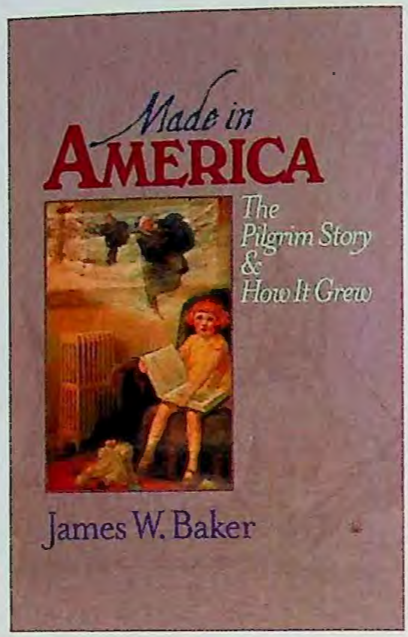

An exciting new book by James W. Baker!

A compilation of essays about the Pilgrims and their story after arriving in America, this book is written by noted Pilgrim Historian, James W. Baker. It explores the opinions of others about the Pilgrims in an attempt to set the historical record straight. This will be a go-to book for years to come, when looking for realism about the Pilgrims who arrived on America's shore in 1620. It will be of interest to historians, particularly those who have an interest in the 17th century's American beginnings, those studying the Pilgrims, and to anyone with an interest in the Pilgrims, through descendancy or research.

The book has 472 pages and is $54.95 plus S&H. Pre-orders will be available from the General Society of Mayflower Descendants' *online* Sales Office, **www.themayflowersociety.org/shop.** The book is expected out in mid-December 2020, in time for Christmas.

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Editor's Note

I am sitting here in Canada, looking out on the lake, surrounded by tall pines, and sugar maples whose orange and red leaves are breathtaking.

Autumn always reminds me of my Pilgrim ancestors, and as I sit here surrounded by trees and water, without another soul or building to be seen, I can almost imagine they are here, across the shore, going about their business, readying themselves for the winter nearly upon them.

We had hoped to honor them in this special year, there were so many activities planned, and while we don't necessarily need to "put on a show" to remember them, perhaps we wanted the world to see them as we see them, to see how important they are to us. But, there is always next year...

The Massachusetts Society is hosting the September 2021 General Board of Assistants meeting and the highlight will be the 400th Anniversary of the first Thanksgiving in 1621. Many of the 2020 events have been moved over to 2021, so be sure to watch for details in the spring 2021 *Quarterly*.

My last cover is a fitting tribute to the end of 2020, the return of the *Mayflower II* to Plymouth after a three-year hiatus in Mystic, Connecticut for extensive repairs and restoration. She is finally back where she belongs!

Check out our Staff Appreciation article and read about Carolyn Travers, who recently retired as librarian, and her beautiful *Member Society Quilt*.

Congratulations to our Contributing Historian and noted Plymouth Historian, Jim Baker, who has two new books out this year! Details for both will be found in this issue.

Read about the fad on Leyden St. in Plymouth, started by Former Governor General Lea Filson. Warning – it might be delightfully contagious as members Lisa Pennington and Debbie Lasher Hardy found out!

Michel Marcoux leads our H&G section with an account of Rev. John Lothrop's religious life before and after he arrived in Plymouth Colony. From David Russo we have Part 1 of III, about Isaac Allerton and his copy of the *Ainsworth Psalter*.

Welcome to our new Editor, Andrew Whipple, who will begin with the spring 2021 issue. Please continue to send Society and member news, photos, articles, etc. to Andrew at MQMEditor@TheMayflowerSociety.org. We also welcome Book Reviewer David Furlow whose first review is in this issue.

Thank you to Erin Darling, GSMD Communications Coordinator, my right-hand [wo]man for her assistance and input with the *Quarterly*. My appreciation goes out to the editorial committee Dale Cooke, Jim Baker, Beth Godfrey and Ruth Lucchesi. A special thank you to Jim Baker who was my go-to man for historical accuracy and was always available. I am grateful to members and Member Societies who have sent articles, news and pics these past five years, I don't think I ever ran out of material for an issue, which is an editor's dream!

Happy Thanksgiving to all, and please stay healthy and safe during this pandemic.

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Governor General's Message

Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt

Thank you for your words of encouragement in your calls, emails and letters. There aren't adequate words to express my thanks or feelings for the privilege of being elected your Governor General for the 2020-2023 term.

It has been my joy to serve as your Secretary General the past three years. The opportunity to serve as your 35th Governor General, the first Governor General elected from Kansas and the fifth woman elected to this office is truly an honor. I look forward to working with the newly elected Executive Officers.

National Committee appointments are underway for the 2020-2023 administration and will be announced very soon. Committee members have promised their time, talent and dedication to service. We will honor the vision of our ancestors and working together we will focus on technology, including a new website, automation, including improved operations, and a renewed commitment to education, including juniors. Together we will uphold the purpose and mission of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

With 2020 face to face visits cancelled due to the pandemic, I am pleased to accept invitations to travel to Member Societies in 2021, as time permits. Please keep in mind that the month of November is very busy for most Mayflower Societies. If November is the month of choice, perhaps another month might be offered as a backup.

Please consider attending the General Board of Assistants meeting in September 2021 in America's Hometown, Plymouth, Massachusetts. Many events scheduled for the 400th Anniversary commemorations in 2020 were meticulously moved forward to 2021.

A very special traditional Thanksgiving feast will also be announced. Let us join together to celebrate the First Thanksgiving in 2021. This will be a year of gratitude and remembrance as we honor our Pilgrim ancestors.

You should have received the annual Thanksgiving appeal in the mail. This year the pandemic has touched our lives. Our thoughts reflect on family and remembrance. Please give generously this year, knowing that your contribution makes a difference. Your faithfulness and commitment to GSMD will ensure the Society remains relevant for the next generation. What better gift to give yourself and your loved ones than the gift of history by leaving your legacy?

Please consider joining or renewing your membership in the **1620 Club** this year with your donation of $1,620.00. **1620 Club** members will be invited to the Governor General's reception following the 2021 Massachusetts GBOA meeting. My heartfelt thanks to all who generously contribute to the important work of the Society.

I am humbled by the high standards set by the past Governors General. I want to thank former Governor General George Garmany for his leadership these past three years. It has been a pleasure to serve during your administration.

I am grateful for each of you, your gifts, your dedication, your support, your enthusiasm and your commitment. Together we will move our beloved General Society of Mayflower Descendants forward into its bright future for the next generation of Mayflower descendants

In Memoriam

CATHERINE "CATHY" ANNE POULS (MCCOTTER), Historian of the Michigan Society, passed away at Rochester on September 28, 2020.

Cathy was employed as a nurse for 23 years and was an active member of her community. One of her passions was genealogy, and she enjoyed helping people research their family lines.

She joined the Mayflower Society in 2003, a descendant of Thomas Rogers and Steven Hopkins, and became a life member in 2010. She served as the Michigan Historian from 2018-2020. Cath led a team of deputy historians over the past two years and was successful in moving forward numerous applications. She was a tireless worker, organized, and dedicated to helping prospective members with their applications. She did an awesome job during her tenure – especially in this record-breaking 400th anniversary year of 2020. She did it all with good cheer and great love.

▲ Cathy, Grace Bliss Smith, Jane Hurt, 2018 GBOA

Cathy is survived by husband, James Pouls; sons, Brad (Moira) Pouls and Scott Pouls; and grandchildren, Holly Pouls, and Collin Gill. Her granddaughter, Holly Pouls joined the Society in 2020 as a descendant of Steven Hopkins.

2020 Special Congress Minutes

September 26, 2020

The 2020 Special Online Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants convened at 2:00 p.m. EDT on Saturday, September 26, 2020 with a Call to Assemble by Assistant Governor General Susan E. Roser, followed by the Call to Order by Governor General George P. Garmany, Jr., MD. The Invocation was offered by Elder General Reverend Dr. Thomas Pike. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the Unites States of America was led by Captain General Jeff Stark.

Mary Scout, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, was appointed as the Parliamentarian for the meeting. Mrs. Scout gave a short overview of parliamentary procedure and the role of the parliamentarian.

Governor General Garmany reported that this 2020 Special Session of the General Congress was called with the required three months' notice, Article VII, Section 3: Special Meetings, at the June 20, 2020 Special General Board of Assistants Meeting and is being held pursuant to Section 16 of Chapter 53 of the Massachusetts Acts of 2020, due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the Covid-19 State of Emergency, which provides for businesses, including non-profits, the opportunity to conduct electronic business meetings, including electronic voting on business matters, for the duration of the State of Emergency and 60 days thereafter. The General Board of Assistants adopted a motion unanimously on June 20, 2020, that a special session of the General Congress be held on September 26, 2020, in Plymouth at a time determined by the Governor General. If the health emergency in Massachusetts remains in effect, then the General Congress will be held electronically on the same date. The business to be conducted at the special meeting is: Consideration of amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws and the election of Deputy Governors General, Assistants General and General Officers. The adoption of this motion constituted the Call of a special meeting. This meeting satisfies the law's applicable procedural requirements for a remote online meeting.

Governor General Garmany appointed Assistant Governor General Susan E. Roser as timekeeper for the meeting. The tellers appointed were Assistant Governor General Susan E. Roser, Secretary General Jane E. Hurt and Parliamentarian Mary Scout. Secretary General Hurt recused herself from calling the Roll Call vote and serving as a teller for the Office of Governor General, during the election of General Officers, to avoid any conflict. Assistant Governor General Susan E. Roser will administer the Roll Call vote for the office of Governor General.

Governor General Garmany stated that as in the in-person meeting, each Member Society may caucus separately during the meeting to determine how their votes will be cast. Under emergency legislation, these caucuses may take place via separate Zoom meetings, text or conference calls with members during the meeting. Each Member Society was asked to pre-plan their method for conducting a caucus.

Secretary General Jane E. Hurt called the roll of current and acting members to be seated for this Special Congress; the following were present at roll call:

General Officers
Governor General George P. Garmany Jr., MD
Assistant Governor General Susan E. Roser
Secretary General Jane E. Hurt
Treasurer General Elizabeth "Liz" W. Gaudreau, CPA
Historian General Marjorie "Midge" K. Hurtuk
Counsellor General Richard S. Gilmore, Esq.
Captain General Jeff Stark
Elder General Reverend Dr. Thomas Pike

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Lisa H. Pennington, Esq.
Donald T. Studley, CPA
Jane D. Schleinzer

Former Governors General
Bruce C. MacGunnigle
Lea Sinclair Filson

Deputy Governors General and Assistants General:

AL: DGG Alan M. Davis
AG Ann R. Ferguson

AK: Acting DGG Leslie Vieth

AZ: DGG Andrew Turner
AG Matthew W. Harrison

AR: AG James "Jimmie" Weber

AU: Acting DGG William "Bill" Elliott
Acting AG Steve Arnold

CA: DGG Marcia Maloney
AG Ray Raser

CN: DGG Maureen McGee
AG Glenn Steven Cook

CO: DGG Michelle L. Brown
AG Richard Jeffords

CT: DGG Mary Brown
AG Gregory E. Thompson

DE: DGG Noel H. Kuhrt, Jr.
AG Robert J. Hanson, Jr.

D.C.: DGG Glennon Harrison
AG Elizabeth "Beth" Hicks

EU: Acting AG David Mederios

FL: Acting DGG James Preston
AG Kenneth Carter

GA: DGG Arthur E. Chapman
AG Julia "Judy" Farrigan

HI: AG Lynda J. Hylander

ID: DGG Deborah Hardy-Lasher

IL: DGG John Schellinger
Acting AG Ann Wilkerson

IN: DGG Chuck Provost
AG Laura Smith

IA: DGG Daniel R. Weichmann

KS: Acting DGG Della J. Regenold
Acting AG John Sherman, Esq.

KY: Acting AG Anissa P. Davis

LA: Acting DGG David Green

ME: DGG Virginia Link
AG Carla Rigby, Ph.D

MD: DGG James B. Battles
AG Timothy Mallory

MA: Acting DGG
Barbara-Lee Kelly
Acting AG Polly Kimmitt

MI: DGG Grace B. Smith, Ph.D
Acting AG Thora Goodnight

MN: DGG Lorraine A. Link
AG Gregory Oxley

MS: DGG Charles M. Johnson
AG Nancy Harrison

MO: DGG Lei Ruckle-Ausman
Acting AG Vickie Smith

MT: AG JoAnne Piazzola

NE: DGG Gretchen Harvey
AG Kathryn Morrissey

NV: DGG Mary Tabor Griswold
AG Richard L. Webster

NH: DGG Heather Rojo
AG Anne L. Vadakin

NJ: Acting DGG Deborah Yingst
AG Stephen H. Gibbon

NM: Acting DG Carl Malone
AG Judith Rapping

NY: DGG Adelaide P. Farah
AG Susan Abanor

NC: DGG Michael C. Keleher
AG Martha E. Ward

ND: DGG Phillip LaQua
Acting AG Margaret "Marti" Bobertz

OH: Acting DGG Jill Parker
AG Donald N. Nichols

OK: Acting DGG Katherine Patterson

OR: Acting DGG Patrice Peterson
Acting AG Helene "Beth" Lambright

PA: DGG Reed Neale
Acting AG Deborah G. Miller

RI: Acting DGG William Ulmschneider
Acting AG Nancy Wildes

SC: DGG Bonnie Wade Mucia
Acting AG Melana Maxie

SD: DGG Carter O. Wiese
AG Sharon C. Wiese

TN: DGG Dennis C. Klotter
AG Margaret "Peggie" Sides

TX: DGG Michael S. Nichols
Acting AG Prarie Counce

UT: DGG Thomas P. Portlock
Acting AG Susan McEvoy

VT: DGG Randy L. Roberts
AG Cynthia Roberts

VA: DGG Lee H. Woody
AG James H. Maloney

WA: Acting DGG Judy Arnold
Acting AG Cheryl J. Riggs Eastwood

WV: DGG Vicki L. Baker
AG Martha Whitlock Endres

WI: Acting DGG Charlene Janeczko

WY: DGG Elwood M. Porter II

Secretary General Hurt moved to seat the officers and acting officers. The motion was seconded and adopted without objection by unanimous consent. **Adopted.**

All 54 Societies were present.

The Standing Rules were presented on the screen. Secretary General Hurt read the Standing Rules and moved for their adoption. The motion was seconded.

FGG Lea Sinclair Filson moved to amend Standing Rule #10 by inserting "Member at Large nominators spend no more than 15 seconds introducing the candidate, allowing the candidate the remaining 1:45 seconds to speak." The motion was seconded. A roll call vote was taken on the motion to amend. (37-14) **Adopted.**

The Standing Rules, as amended were adopted without objection by unanimous consent. **Adopted.**

The Agenda was distributed prior to the meeting, shared on the screen and approved without objection as distributed. **Approved.**

The minutes of the 2017 Mayflower General Congress were emailed to the General Board of Assistants members, published in the winter 2017 issue of

The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine and posted on the GSMD website. The minutes were approved without objection as distributed. **Approved.**

Report of the Actions of the Executive Committee

The Actions of the Executive Committee through June 13 2020 were printed in the fall 2020 *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*. The actions dated July 22, August 19 and September 16, 2020 were distributed in advance to all General Board of Assistants members.

22 July 2020 (Virtual - Zoom.us)

1. To approve the minutes of the 13 June 2020 Executive Committee virtual meeting.
2. To approve corrections to the 09 June 2020 SPECIAL Executive Committee virtual meeting.
3. To approve the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget as presented with the understanding that it may be amended once the results of the September 26, 2020 Special Congress are known.
4. To postpone the business of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse including distributed proposals and reports until the August Executive Committee meeting.

19 August 2020 (Virtual - Zoom.us)

1. To approve the minutes of the 22 July 2020 Executive Committee virtual meeting.
2. That the prepared surgeon materials be distributed to the Society Governors to pass onto their Society Surgeons.
3. **GSMD Policy Manual:** The GSMD Trustee Representatives of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse (NPMM) Charitable Trust are composed of five (5) positions, each with a five (5) year term beginning on the date of appointment and expiring in successive years. Two positions are held by the current Governor General and Treasurer General for that administrative term. The remaining Trustee Representatives will be appointed by the Governor General when the Trustee Representatives' terms expire, when there is a vacancy by resignation or death, or when there is just cause, to replace a Trustee Representative. The appointed Trustee Representatives shall, whenever possible, have financial, legal, or development experience.

   Rationale: When the NPMM Charitable Trust began, no term expirations were established. To allow the policy to roll into successive terms, the current Trust Representatives' terms will expire as follows. Each newly appointed Trustee Representative, beginning in 2020, will serve a five-year term.

Current Trustee Representatives	(New appointment in 2020) **Expiration**
Governor General Elect	September 2023
Treasurer General Elect	September 2023
Rep Dick Gilmore	September 2021
Rep Lea Filson	September 2022
Rep Don Studley	September 2023
Rep Lisa Pennington	September 2024
Rep George Garmany	September 2025

4. That the expenditures for the exterior renovations of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse be ratified. That project was paid for through CPC grants. All exterior work was completed based on historic restoration guidelines as required and approved by the Town of Plymouth's Historic District Commission. This meticulous exterior renovation was incredibly time sensitive due to the advanced deterioration of the building. The Executive Committee recognizes with gratitude the extensive efforts and dedication that Ron Filson displayed in the administration of the exterior renovation project.
5. **GSMD Policy Manual:** That the fundraising proceeds for the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse including grants, gifts, donations and bequests are to be issued to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants for the benefit of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse and are to be deposited into the designated bank account for the Meetinghouse, to be used for the purpose designated, with oversight by the Meetinghouse Trustee Representatives.

16 September 2020 (Virtual - Zoom.us)

1. To approve the minutes of the 19 August 2020 Executive Committee virtual meeting as distributed.
2. To accept audited financials as presented, approve the filing of the three IRS 990's and the Massachusetts PC forms.
3. **To add to the GSMD Policy Manual:** Any non-recurring expenditures not included in the Annual Operating Budget over $5,000.00 must be approved by the Executive Committee before contract signing and/or the execution of work. The Governor General and Treasurer General are the authorized signers of any contracts.
4. To postpone further discussion of Member Societies retail sales on the GSMD website until the October Executive Committee meeting.

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

Proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws were published in the summer and fall 2020 issues of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*. They were also emailed to all GBOA, Society Governors and Society Secretaries on March 18, 2020 and various times thereafter. The approval of bylaw amendments requires a two-thirds vote of the Member Societies present and voting at the meeting.

Parliamentarian Mary Scout citing *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* explained if notice is given of several amendments which conflict, so that all cannot be given effect, the Chair should arrange them in a logical order generally taking the least inclusive amendment first and the most inclusive last. The rule that when a main motion is adopted no other conflicting main motion is thereafter in order in not applicable to the motion to amend the Constitution (or bylaws), since several notices of proposals to the same problem may have been given, and all such amendments are entitle to be considered. This means that no proposed amendment is dropped simply because it would conflict with one previously adopted. If proposed amendment #2 is adopted we will still consider proposal #4 and if proposal #4 is adopted it will become part of the bylaws. The same applies to proposals #3 and #5. Following the presentation there will be time for discussion.

1. **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP, Section 2:** CG Gilmore moved on behalf of the Connecticut Society to amend by striking "a preliminary" and inserting "an" and striking "Such application shall bear the autograph signature of the candidate" to read: "Every application for membership in a Member Society shall be made on an application blank provided by such Society."

   Amendment: MD AG Timothy Mallory moved to amend the amendment by inserting the following sentence at the end: "Such application shall be signed by the applicant, or guardian, in a manner authorized by the Member Society and the General Society." The motion was seconded.

   A vote was taken on the amendment by each Society using the YES/NO icons. (29-25) **Adopted.**

   Second Amendment: DC DGG Glennon Harrison moved to amend the amendment by striking "and the General Society." The motion was seconded.

   A vote was taken on the second amendment using the YES/NO icons. (29-23) **Adopted.**

   Third Amendment: FL Acting DGG James Preston moved to amend the amendment by adding the following sentences at the end: "A candidate for membership shall provide a personally autographed or digitally signed acknowledgement confirming that any information or evidence submitted to becomes a member becomes the property of the General Society. The acknowledgement shall be on a form prescribed by and retained by the General Society."

   The motion was seconded. A vote was taken on the amendment using the YES/NO icons. (9-44) **Failed.**

   A roll call vote was taken on the original amendment as amended with a 2/3 vote in the affirmative required. (43-10) **Adopted.**

   The adopted original motion as amended reads:

   ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP,
   Section 2, <u>Application</u>:
   Every application for membership in a Member Society shall be made on an application blank provided by such Society. Such application shall be signed by the applicant, or guardian, in a manner authorized by the Member Society.

2. **ARTICLE XII: FEES AND REPORTS REQUIRED OF A MEMBER SOCIETY, Section 4, <u>Lineage Assessment</u>:** CG Gilmore moved on behalf of Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Kansas and Massachusetts to amend by striking seventy-five dollars ($75.00) and inserting one hundred twenty-five dollars ($125.00) and by striking 2015 and inserting 2021.

   First Amendment: EUROPE Acting AG David Mederios moved to amend by inserting after "Society" and before "shall" the words "having one-hundred (100) or more members" and inserting after "$125.00" the words "and each Member Society having fewer than 100 members shall pay to the General Society the sum of seventy-five dollars ($75.00)." The motion was seconded. A vote was taken on the amendment using the YES/NO icons. (14-34) **Failed.**

   Second Amendment: MD AG Timothy Mallory moved to amend the amendment by substituting the following: "Each Member Society shall pay to the General Society, the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00) with each original lineage paper which is submitted to the Historian General's office for examination effective January 1, 2021, and one hundred twenty-five dollars ($125.00) effective January 1, 2023. Each member society shall pay seventy-five dollars ($75.00) for each

supplemental line of descent lineage paper, which is submitted to the Historian General's office for examination, effective January 1, 2021." The motion was seconded. A vote was taken on the second amendment using the YES/NO icons. (9-45) **Failed.**

A roll call vote was taken on the original amendment with a 2/3 vote in the affirmative required. (49-4) **Adopted.**

The adopted original motion reads:

> **ARTICLE XII: FEES AND REPORTS REQUIRED OF A MEMBER SOCIETY, Section 4, Lineage Assessment:**
> Each Member Society shall pay to the General Society, the sum of one hundred twenty-five dollars ($125.00) with each original lineage paper and each supplemental line of descent, which is submitted to the Historian General's office for examination, effective January 1, 2021.

3. **ARTICLE XII: FEES AND REPORTS REQUIRED OF A MEMBER SOCIETY, Section 2, Annual Assessment:** CG Gilmore moved on behalf of Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Kansas and Massachusetts to amend by substituting a new section as follows: "Each Member Society shall pay to the General Society, not later than April 1st in each year, a per capita assessment of thirty-five dollars ($35.00) effective for the calendar year 2021, based on its previous membership as of December 31st of the previous year, exclusive of life members as certified to the General Society as of December 31, 2019. With reference to life members, each member society shall pay to the General Society, not later than April 1st in each year, a per capita assessment of twenty dollars ($20.00) effective for the calendar year 2021, twenty-five dollars ($25.00) effective for the calendar year 2022, thirty dollars ($30.00) effective for the calendar year 2023, and beginning with the calendar year 2024 the fee will be equivalent to the annual assessment amount. Life members shall be certified to the General Society by each Member Society annually as of December 31, however, in no case will a Member Society's life members exceed its certified life membership as of December 31, 2019. There shall not be included in the computation of any Member Society assessment, any member who has been excused from his or her Member Society from paying the annual dues on account of his or her being actively engaged in the armed forces of his or her country of allegiance, and no other assessment shall be levied except at a regular session of the General Congress and by a two-thirds vote of all the Member Societies represented and voting at that session of the General Society such vote being taken by Member Society."

There were several who wished to speak to this amendment. With no objection the time for caucus was extended by an additional ten (10) minutes.

Parliamentarian Scout explained that for proposed amendment #3 we will divide the amendment so as to debate the amount of the per capita assessment first using a parliamentary method known as creating and filling a blank. The life membership portion of this proposal will be considered separately. Suggestions to fill the blank do not require a second. The amount suggested must be between $35.00 and $15.00. After all proposals to fill the blank have been made the Governor General will call for debate on the proposals. You may speak only once in accordance with the Congress rules. After the debate is closed the suggested amounts will be voted on from the highest amount of $35.00 to the lowest amount. A majority vote is required to fill the blank. Once the suggested amount is filled by a majority vote no further voting on amounts will be taken. A vote using the YES/NO icons was taken to approve creating and filling a blank for the amount of the per capita assessment. (43-8) **Adopted.**

The following suggestions were made to fill the blank:

> The proposed amount of $35.00.
> NJ AG Steve Gibbon suggested $25.00.
> FL Acting DGG James Preston suggested $20.00.

A majority vote is required to fill the blank and no further voting on amounts will be held once a majority vote is obtained.

The meeting was recessed at 4:25 p.m., for ten (10) minutes, to allow the Member Societies to caucus.

A majority vote in the affirmative was received using the YES/NO icons to fill the blank with $35.00. (34-20) **Adopted.**

First Amendment: EUROPE Acting AG David Mederios moved to amend the per capita by inserting in the first sentence after "society" and before "shall" the words "with one-hundred (100) or more members" and inserting after the second reference to "December 31, 2019." The following sentence: "Member Societies with fewer than one-hundred (100) members shall pay to the General Society, not later than April 1 in each year, a per capita assessment of fifteen dollars ($15.00) effective for the calendar year 2021." There was no second and the motion **Failed.**

Second Amendment: FL Acting DGG James Preston moved to amend the proposed amendment by substituting the following: "Each Member Society shall pay to the General Society, not later than April 1st in each year, a per capita assessment of twenty dollars ($20.00) effective for the calendar year 2021, based on its previous membership as of December 31st of the previous year. With reference to future years, each member society shall pay to the General Society, not later than April 1st in each year, a per capita assessment of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) effective for the calendar year 2022, thirty dollars ($30.00) effective for the calendar year 2023; and thirty-five dollars ($35.00) effective for the calendar year 2024. There shall not be included in the computation of any Member Society assessment, any member who has been excused by his or her being actively engaged in the armed forces of his or her country of allegiance, and no other assessment shall be levied except at a regular session of the General Congress and by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the Member Societies represented and voting at that session of the General Society such vote being taken by Member Society." The motion was seconded. A vote was taken using the YES/NO icons on the second amendment. (18-35) **Failed.**

Third Amendment: NJ AG Steve Gibbon moved to amend by inserting in the first sentence after "2021" the words, "2022, 2023 and 2024" and by striking the remainder of the sentence after "previous year" and the next sentence starting with "life members" and inserting a new sentence "No future per capita assessment shall apply in the same fiscal year to the Member Societies after any Congress held after 2020." The motion was seconded. A vote was taken using the YES/NO icons on the third amendment. (7-46) **Failed.**

Fourth Amendment: CA DGG Marcia Maloney moved to amend by striking the "2019" after "December 31st" and inserting "of the previous year" and by striking the next sentence and inserting "with reference to life members each Member Society shall pay to the General Society not later than April 1st in each year, a per capita assessment of twenty dollars ($20.00)." The motion was seconded. A vote was taken using the YES/NO icons on the fourth amendment. (17-35) **Failed.**

Fifth Amendment: SC Acting AG Melana Maxie moved to amend by striking the words: "exclusive of life members as certified to the General Society as of December 31, 2019. With reference to life members, each member society shall pay to the General Society, not later than April 1st in each year, a per capita of twenty dollars ($20.00) effective for the calendar year 2021, twenty-five dollars ($25.00) effective for the calendar year 2022, thirty dollars ($30.00) effective for the calendar year 2023, and beginning with the calendar year 2024 the fee will be equivalent to the annual assessment amount. Life members shall be certified to the General Society annually as of December 31, however, in no case will a Member Society's life membership exceed its certified life membership as of December 31, 2019."

And inserting the following words: "exclusive of those life members who are certified to the General Society on December 31, 2019, whose per capita assessment will be incrementally increased by $5.00 each year for calendar years 2021, 2022, and 2023. In 2024 and after, the assessment for all certified life members, who retain their life membership status, will be equal to the annual per capita assessment." The motion was seconded.

The meeting was recessed at 5:26 p.m., for ten (10) minutes, to allow the Member Societies to caucus.

MOTION: IL DGG John Schellinger moved to amend the SC motion and insert "from $15.00" following the word "increased" and before the words "by $5.00 each year." The motion was seconded. A vote was taken on the amendment using the YES/NO icons. (41-11) **Adopted.**

A vote was taken on the Fifth Amendment as amended using the YES/NO icons. (36-16) **Adopted.**

A roll call vote was taken on the original amendment as amended with a 2/3 vote in the affirmative required. (49-5) **Adopted.**

The adopted original motion as amended reads:

> **ARTICLE XII: FEES AND REPORTS REQUIRED OF A MEMBER SOCIETY**
> **Section 2, Annual Assessment:**
> Each Member Society shall pay to the General Society, no later than April 1st in each year, a per capita assessment of thirty-five dollars ($35.00) effective for the calendar year 2021, based on its previous membership as of December 31st of the previous year, exclusive of those life members who are certified to the General Society on December 31, 2019, whose per capita assessment will be incrementally increased from $15.00 by $5.00 each year for calendar years 2021, 2022, and 2023. In 2024 and after, the assessment for all certified life members, who retain their life membership status, will be equal to the annual per capita assessment. There shall not be included in

the computation of any Member Society assessment, any member who has been excused by his or her Member Society from paying the annual dues on account of his or her being actively engaged in the armed forces of his or her country of allegiance, and no other assessment shall be levied except at a regular session of the General Congress and by a two-thirds vote of all the Member Societies represented and voting at that session of the General Society, such vote being taken by Member Society.

4. ARTICLE XII: FEES AND REPORTS REQUIRED OF A MEMBER SOCIETY
Section 4, Lineage Assessment: CG Gilmore moved on behalf of the General Board of Assistants to amend by substituting a new section as follows: "Each Member Society shall pay to the General Society, a lineage assessment determined by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Board of Assistants or the General Congress, with each original lineage paper and each supplemental line of descent submitted to the Historian General's office for examination. The lineage assessment will be effective January 1st of the year following adoption."

Governor General Garmany explained that if this amendment is adopted, following the conclusion of the Constitution and Bylaws amendments there will be a motion from the Executive Committee to approve the lineage assessment amount for 2021.

The Arizona Society has submitted punctuation and grammatical changes which will be corrected as conforming changes.

First Amendment: MD AG Timothy Mallory moved to amend by substituting the following: "Each Member Society shall pay to the General Society, the sum of one-hundred dollars ($100.00) with each original lineage paper which is submitted to the Historian General's office for examination, effective January 1, 2021, and one-hundred twenty-five dollars ($125.00) effective January 1, 2023. Each Member Society shall pay seventy-five dollars ($75.00) for each supplemental line of descent lineage paper, which is submitted to the Historian General's office for examination, effective January 1, 2021. Revisions to these rates may be proposed by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Board of Assistants or the General Congress upon presentation of a costed program proposal for evaluation." The motion was seconded. The vote was taken using the YES/NO icons. (5-46) **Failed.**

Second Amendment: FL Acting DGG James Preston moved to amend the amendment by striking the word "determined" and inserting "recommended" in the first sentence and by striking "January 1st" and inserting "July 1st" in the last sentence. The motion was seconded. The vote was taken using the YES/NO icons. (6-45) **Failed.**

A roll call vote was taken on the original amendment with a 2/3 vote in the affirmative required. (50-3) **Adopted.**

The original motion as adopted with conforming changes reads:

> ARTICLE XII: FEES AND REPORTS REQUIRED OF A MEMBER SOCIETY
> **Section 4, Lineage Assessment:**
> Each Member Society shall pay to the General Society, a lineage assessment, as determined by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Board of Assistants or the General Congress, with each original lineage paper and each supplemental line of descent that is submitted to the office of the Historian General. The lineage assessment will be effective January 1st of the year following adoption by the General Board of Assistants or the General Congress.

5. ARTICLE XII: FEES AND REPORTS REQUIRED OF A MEMBER SOCIETY
Section 2, Annual Assessment: CG Gilmore moved on behalf of the General Board of Assistants to amend by substituting a new section as follows: "Each Member Society shall pay to the General Society, not later than April 1st each year, a per capita assessment based on the Member Society membership count as of December 31st of the previous year. The per capita assessment amount to be determined by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Board of Assistants or General Congress. Any member who has been excused by the Members' Society from paying dues while actively engaged in the armed forces of their country of allegiance will be excluded from the per capita assessment with a request for exclusion from the Member Society received by the General Society no later than December 31st of the year assessed. No other assessment shall be levied except by a two-thirds vote of all Member Societies represented and voting at a General Board of Assistants Meeting or Congress."

Governor General Garmany explained that if this amendment is adopted, following the conclusion of the Constitution and Bylaws amendments there

will be a motion from the Executive Committee to approve the per capita assessment amount for 2021.

The Arizona Society has submitted punctuation and grammatical changes which will be corrected as conforming changes.

First Amendment: NJ AG Steve Gibbon moved to amend the amendment by striking in the second sentence the "or" after "General Board of Assistants" and before "General Congress" inserting "and"; and by inserting the following sentence after the second sentence "no future per capita assessment shall apply in the same fiscal year to the Member Societies after any General Board of Assistants meeting or Congress held after 2020, at which such change is made."; and by striking "or" in the last sentence after "meeting" and before "Congress" and inserting "and."

The motion was seconded.

NJ AG Steve Gibbon moved to have the motion divided to consider each of the three changes separately. There being no objection the motion was considered in three parts.

i. Striking in the second sentence the "or" after "General Board of Assistants" and before "General Congress" and inserting "and."

The vote was taken by using the YES/NO icons. (8-43) **Failed.**

ii. By inserting the following sentence after the second sentence "no future per capita assessment shall apply in the same fiscal year to the Member Societies after any General Board of Assistants meeting or Congress held after 2020, at which such change is made."

The vote was taken by using the YES/NO icons. (8-43) Failed.

iii. In the last sentence strike "and" and insert "or."

The vote was taken by using the YES/NO icons. (5-46) **Failed.**

Second Amendment: MD AG Timothy Mallory moved to strike the sentence, "Any member who has been excused by the Members Society from paying dues while actively engaged in the armed forces of their country of allegiance will be excluded from the per capita assessment with a request for exclusion from the Member Society received by the General Society no later than December 31st of the year assessed." The motion was seconded. The vote was taken using the YES/NO icons. (7-47) **Failed.**

A roll call vote was taken on the original amendment with a 2/3 vote in the affirmative required. (48-5) **Adopted.**

The original motion as adopted with conforming changes reads:

> **ARTICLE XII: FEES AND REPORTS REQUIRED OF A MEMBER SOCIETY**
> **Section 2, Annual Assessment:**
> Each Member Society shall pay to the General Society, not later than April 1st each year, a per capita assessment based on the Member Society membership count as of December 31st of the previous year. The per capita assessment amount is to be determined by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Board of Assistants or General Congress. Any member who has been excused by the Members Society from paying dues while actively engaged in the armed forces of their country of allegiance will be excluded from the per capita assessment with a request for exclusion from the Member Society received by the General Society no later than December 31st of the year assessed. No other assessment shall be levied except by a two-thirds vote of all Member Societies represented and voting at a General Board of Assistants meeting or General Congress.

There being no objection, the Bylaws Committee and the Secretary General were authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, grammar and cross references and to make such other conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the Society in connection with the amendments.

Governor General Garmany announced that as the assembly adopted amendment #4 Congress must now approve a lineage assessment for 2021 using the amount adopted in proposed amendment #2. The assembly will also set the per capita assessment for 2021 using the amount adopted in proposed amendment #3.

MOTION: Historian General Midge Hurtuk moved on behalf of the Executive Committee, that each Member Society shall pay to the General Society, the sum of one hundred twenty-five dollars ($125.00) with each original lineage paper and each supplemental line of descent, which is submitted to the Historian General's office for examination, effective January 1, 2021.

The vote was taken using the YES/NO icons. (48-2) **Adopted.**

MOTION: Treasurer General Liz Gaudreau moved on behalf of the Executive Committee, that each Member Society shall pay to the General Society a per capita assessment of thirty-five dollars ($35.00) effective for the calendar year 2021 exclusive of those life members who are certified to the General Society on December 31, 2019, whose per capita assessment will be incrementally increased from $15.00 by $5.00 each year for calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023. In 2024 and after, the assessment for all certified life members, who retain their life membership status, will be equal to the annual per capita assessment, with the dues dates and structure described in Article XII, Section 2.

The vote was taken using the YES/NO icons. (45-5) **Adopted.**

With no objection, a ten (10) minute recess was called.

Secretary General Jane E. Hurt read the nominees for election to the offices of Deputy Governors General and Assistants General.

Election of Officers

AK: DGG Leslie Vieth

AU: DGG William "Bill" Elliott
AG Steve Arnold

D.C.: DGG Beth Hicks
AG Ann Campbell

EU: AG Nancy Priscilla Naro

IL: DGG Jessica Schleinzer
AG John Schellinger

KS: DGG Della J. Regenold
AG John Sherman

LA: DGG David Green

ME: DGG Rev. Michael R. Denney

MA: DGG Barbara-Lee Kelly
AG Polly Kimmit

MO: AG Vickie Smith

ND: AG Marti Bobertz

OH: DGG Jill Parker
AG Sandra St. Martin

OK: DGG Katherine A. Patterson
AG Pamela A. Hill

OR: DGG Patrice Petersen
AG Helene "Beth" Lambright

RI: DGG William Ulmschneider
AG Nancy Wildes

SC: DGG Jeffrey Jackson
AG Melana Maxie

TX: DGG Judy Allen
AG Prarie Counce

WA: AG Cheryl J. Riggs Eastwood

WI: DGG Charlene Janeczko
AG Jeff Stark

Secretary General Hurt moved the election of the 31 officer nominees. There being no objection, they were elected.

Election of Executive Committee Officers

The following General Society members constitute the Nominating Committee:

Chairman, Former Governor
General Bruce C. MacGunnigle

Former Governors General
Mildred Ramos, Judith H. Swan, Lea Sinclair Filson

Former Assistant Governors General
Donald W. West, Harry P. Folger III.

Society Members
DGG Reynolds Cushing, FL;
DGG Charles M. Johnson, MS;
DGG Lorrie Link, MN;
DGG Marcia Maloney, CA;
FMAL Virginia Mucciaccio, MA;
FMAL Benjamin Proctor, Jr., MD.

Former Governor General Bruce C. MacGunnigle presented the report of the Nominating Committee.

Governor General
Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt, KS

Assistant Governor General
Donald T. Studley, CPA, CT

Secretary General
Meg Averett, NC

Treasurer General
Elizabeth "Liz" W. Gaudreau, CPA, CO

Historian General
Marjorie "Midge" Hurtuk, CT

Elder General
Rev. Dr. Thomas Pike, NY

Captain General
Carter Wiese, SD

Surgeon General
George Hill, MD, NJ

Counsellor General
Lisa H. Pennington, Esq. TX

There being no nominations from the floor the following officers were elected by voice vote:

Governor General
Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt

Assistant Governor General
Donald T. Studley

Secretary General
Meg Averett

Treasurer General
Elizabeth "Liz" W. Gaudreau

Historian General
Marjorie "Midge" Hurtuk

Elder General
Rev. Dr. Thomas Pike

Surgeon General
George Hill

Counsellor General
Lisa H. Pennington

For the office of Captain General, TX DGG Michael Nichols nominated James Battles. In accordance with the Standing Rules, Carter Wiese and James Battles each spoke.

The meeting was recessed for ten (10) minutes, to allow the Member Societies to caucus.

A Roll Call vote was taken with each Member Society casting its electoral votes. Carter Wiese received 78 votes and James Battles received 62 votes. Governor General Garmany declared Carter Wiese elected as Captain General.

Election of Members-at-Large

Nominations for Members-at-Large west of the 91st West Meridian (longitude) were as follows:

Richard Jeffords of CO was nominated by CO DGG Michelle Brown.

Bart Henson of TX was nominated by TX DGG Mike Nichols.

Steven B. Arnold of WA was nominated by WA DGG Judy Arnold.

Lorrie Link of MN was nominated by MN AG Greg Oxley.

Martin Beerman of NE was nominated by NE DGG Gretchen Harvey.

Nominations for Members-at-Large east of the 89th East Meridian (longitude) were as follows:

Jane D. Schleinzer of IL was nominated by IL DGG John Schellinger.

Bonnie Wade Mucia of SC was nominated by SC AG Melana Maxie.

Deborah A. Yingst of NJ was nominated by NJ AG Steve Gibbon.

Christine Schlosser of WI was nominated by WI AG Jeff Stark.

Carla Rigby of ME was nominated by ME DGG Michael Denney.

The meeting was recessed for ten (10) minutes, to allow the Member Societies to caucus.

Voting was conducted by Roll Call with each Member Society casting its electoral votes.

Votes received for the nominees for Members-at-Large west were:

Lorrie Link - 18

Bart Henson - 14

Martin Beerman - 11

Richard Jeffords - 6

Steve Arnold - 4 votes

Governor General Garmany declared Lorrie Link elected as Member-at-Large west.

Votes received for nominees for Members-at-Large east were:

Jane D. Schleinzer - 23

Bonnie Wade Mucia - 23

Christine Schlosser - 14

Carla Rigby - 14

Deborah Yingst - 12

Governor General Garmany declared Bonnie Wade Mucia Member-at-Large and Jane D. Schleinzer Member-at-Large from the east.

Retiring Governor General George P. Garmany, Jr., MD gift of appreciation

Treasurer General Liz Gaudreau presented a gift to Governor General Garmany on behalf of Virginia Muccaccio, Chairman of the Awards Committee, the Executive Committee and the entire Mayflower Society to thank him for many years of service to GSMD and for service as Governor General the past three years. Liz stated: "As a token of our appreciation and esteem, we present you with this gift. We regret that the pandemic has forced us to be apart, but we remain hopeful we will be able to properly celebrate your term next year. Be proud of your accomplishments in moving the Society forward and in greatly improving communications with the General Board and membership. Momma Mooch wishes she could be with

you tonight to give you a hug and to ask you to join her in a few bars of "When I was a Lad" from HMS Pinafore for old times sake." She adds, "We had a good run."

Governor General Garmany expressed his sincere appreciation. He acknowledged that the accomplishments were a team effort.

Installation of Officers

Governor General Garmany installed the newly elected officers and presented them to the assembly.

Incoming Governor General Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt

Thank you for your confidence today. What an enormous privilege and honor to be trusted with the leadership of our beloved General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

You have just elected the first Governor General from Kansas – and thank you to my wonderful home Society for starting me on this journey!

It has been my joy to serve as your Secretary General the past three years and to work side by side with these fine officers and our Plymouth staff. I do not have the words to adequately express my thanks to each of you. I am overjoyed with the possibilities of working together with this newly elected Executive Committee.

I am humbled by the high standards set by the past Governors General. As I carry this legacy forward, I promise you my energy, dedication to service and commitment to uphold the purpose and mission of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

The concept of this administration began in a garden in York Beach, Maine, on a sun porch in Bluffton SC, in a living room in Danielson, CT and in a kitchen in Corvallis, Oregon. While the road ahead will not be easy, I am up to this challenge.

I am grateful for the opportunity to hear you and to work with you. We will honor the vision of our ancestors and, working together, we will move our Society into its bright future for the next generation of Mayflower descendants. Thank you.

Announcements

- 2021 GBOA meeting will be hosted by the Massachusetts Society (Plymouth) to commemorate the First Thanksgiving.
- 2022 GBOA meeting will be hosted by the Minnesota Society.
- 2023 General Congress in Plymouth, Massachusetts.
- 2024 GBOA meeting will be hosted by the North Carolina Society.

The Special 2020 Online Congress meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m. EDT.

Submitted by:
Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt
Secretary General

Approved 10.06.2020
George P. Garmany, Jr., MD
Governor General

400th Anniversary of Signing of Mayflower Compact in Provincetown Harbor

November 11, 2020

The Mayflower Society asks Americans to Light a Candle on Veterans Day

Plymouth, MA (November 11, 2020) – November 11 is an important day in America. Not only does the country honor its Veterans, but it is a day when, 400 years ago, a small group of Pilgrims signed the Mayflower Compact, a document that influenced the founding of America.

"William Bradford refers to 'one small candle' in his writings and it is only fitting that today we light a candle to commemorate the importance of the Mayflower Compact," said Jane Hurt, Governor General of the General Society Mayflower Descendants (GSMD). "The Mayflower story is one of America's founding stories that brought democracy to our country, so we remember the anniversary of the signing of the Mayflower Compact while honoring our Veterans who fought for this country."

When the Pilgrims sailed to the New World headed for the Virginia Territory, the ship was thrown off course by a storm, ending up at Provincetown, MA where the Mayflower Compact was signed, bringing civil and religious liberty to the New World. The *Mayflower* eventually landed at Plymouth where the colony was established.

"The importance of the Mayflower Compact cannot be overstated," said Susan Belekewicz, Executive Director, GSMD. "One of America's oldest founding documents, it later influenced the U.S. and Massachusetts Constitutions."

The Pilgrims settled in Plymouth, named years before by English explorer John Smith. Before the Pilgrims landed, it was a settlement called Patuxet, occupied for over 10,000 years by a Native American band of the Wampanoag tribal confederation. The Natives died of what, today, is speculated to be Leptospirosis, a disease likely brought to the New World on English ships.

Today, Plymouth welcomes over a million people a year, who enjoy learning the history of the Pilgrims.

Reports of The Executive Committee

(2017-2020)

The special Online Congress held September 26, 2020 was called for two purposes, to consider bylaw proposals and to elect General Society officers. Since reports of Executive Committee officers were not read, they are provided here and will be attached to the Congress minutes in GSMD's records.

REPORT OF GOVERNOR GENERAL GEORGE P. GARMANY JR., MD

Since the 42nd GSMD Congress our Society has experienced momentous changes. On my first day in office, we welcomed Susan Belekewicz as our second Executive Director. She has brought her business and administrative experience to her job, and all of us have benefited enormously from her dedication to our organization.

The first historical project that began immediately after the last Congress was the digitization of all of our genealogical records. For many months, teams of volunteers from Family Search toiled in cramped conditions to photograph every paper in our vaults. Later all of this data was indexed by NEHGS and filed so that today our staff can use a "virtual vault" of data to streamline their verification process. Little did we know in 2017 how important this asset would become.

In late 2018 the town of Plymouth gave us a Community Preservation Grant of over $2.6 million to provide support for our plan to save the First Parish building. At the end of that year the Unitarian Universalist congregation donated the building to us, and the deed was finalized in the name of GSMD early in 2019. The building then became the *Mayflower Meetinghouse*. Once the church congregation resigned from the Charitable Trust for the building, GSMD became the sole Trustee, and representatives of our Society began the work to save the building. These steps were completed with the devoted leadership of FGG Lea Filson who spearheaded the campaign to get the town of Plymouth to give us the grant, and Ron Filson who directed and coordinated the restoration project. This restoration, which literally saved the structure from falling down, was completed during 2019 and 2020, ahead of schedule and under budget – a huge accomplishment.

For the past year the Trustee Representatives have initiated the steps that will allow the building to become the focus of GSMD's educational efforts and a state-of-the art center for visitors and others who want to learn more about the Pilgrims, and the diverse people who built this community. At the same time, we intend to preserve the sanctuary so that it can be used for worship, marriages and other ceremonies. This will be the harder part of the project, and it will include extensive fundraising and creative work by a team of world-class experts in several fields.

While the work on the Meetinghouse was being done, GSMD was planning to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the *Mayflower* voyage with a truly historic gathering of hundreds of our members and guests. Former Secretary General Jane Hurt and the hard-working Meetings and Events Committee members committed hundreds of hours planning and initiating the activities that had been scheduled. Of course, none of this actually came off as planned, but on January 1st of this year we did have a memorable public event when the prize-winning "Voyage of Hope" GSMD float sailed through the Rose Parade in Pasadena, California. The stunning float was the result of years of planning, fund-raising, and plain hard work on the part of the California Society. Then 2020 happened.

Of course, all of our fine plans had to be cancelled because of the corona virus pandemic. Suddenly it was a new world, and our organization had to pivot everything that we had expected to do. All of our activities and gatherings went online, powered by technology that was brand new to most of us. Our hard-working staff, under the leadership of Susan Belekewicz and Marti Bobertz, found ways to leverage technological tools and that "virtual vault" to allow them to do their jobs remotely. Leaders all around the Society began to hold meetings online and found ways to accomplish their duties without traveling. We also initiated online Forums for General Board members and other officers, effectively breaking through communication barriers that had hampered our General Society for years.

We also completed several projects this year that resulted from major group efforts. In January the new Australian Society of Mayflower Descendants was chartered. The US Postal Service recently issued a *Mayflower* Stamp, with strong support from our Society. Dee Clements of the South Dakota Society completed a lovely statue of William Bradford writing his journal. Of course, we had planned to unveil it in our garden at Congress, but final installation has been postponed until 2021. FGG Bruce MacGunnigle just published a wonderful book about the Mayflower Society House. And, thanks to the untiring work of Treasurer General Liz

Gaudreau and her team, we were able to accomplish all of this despite years of underfunding.

Originally, we were told that it would be impossible to use any meeting technology platform to hold Congress online and that we would not be able to continue our usual ways of accomplishing the business that we expect to do every three years. With flexible leadership, though, we proved the naysayers wrong. Our Special Online 2020 Congress did elect new officers, following our usual format, and we were able to introduce and pass new fee structures that will give our Society new life and vitality. None of this would have been possible without a dedicated team of officers who committed themselves to the good of the organization. Our Executive Committee became a high-performance team and did a sterling job on behalf of our beloved Society. My thanks go out to everyone who pulled together, despite unprecedented and unexpected adversity. So many jobs – so very well done! We can all be rightfully proud of what this team accomplished.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT GOVERNOR GENERAL SUSAN E. ROSER

This year marks the end of nine years as an officer on the Executive Committee, six years as Secretary General and the last three as Assistant Governor General. It has been a privilege to serve under the administrations of Governors General, Bruce MacGunnigle, Lea Filson and George Garmany, each of whom have guided our Society forward towards exciting times! It has been an honor to serve GSMD and I thank you for the opportunity you have given me to do so.

To Executive Director Susan Belekewicz, Director of Genealogy & Research Services Marti Bobertz, and to our staff and volunteers, we are fortunate to have so many hard working and talented people. I appreciate all that you do for the Society and know that you often go above and beyond, and this year has been a prime example. When the pandemic threatened to upset and stall Society business and application approvals, it was no surprise to hear that everyone stepped-up, and with careful solutions to keep everyone safe, some business moved forward.

The last nine years have been an extremely busy time and I've enjoyed every minute of it. Appointed the Society archivist, in 2011 I began the inventory of boxes, bins and bags of Society materials, including minutes, Member Society charters, artifacts, books, and various other records and materials, and spent the next several years turning it all into the semblance of an archive.

To assist future officers, I began a Secretary General manual, keeping track of the many duties and deadlines. I worked on guidelines for DGGs and AGs, reworked the policy manual with indexes, expanded guidelines for GBOA Meetings, and the Congress guidelines begun by FGG Judy Swan. I kept the GSMD website updated regularly with all of these as well as the bylaws and officers directory.

In discussions with the Historian General and staff in 2013, I offered to implement and oversee a temporary Historian Mentoring Program where more experienced Historians would assist new Historians or those overloaded with applications, in order to help with the workload in the Historian General's office.

I was delighted to have assisted the Europe Society with the requirements to be chartered in 2016, and became a charter and annual member myself.

A member of the editorial board of *The Mayflower Journal* from 2016-2018, in 2015 I was appointed Editor of the newly revamped, *The Mayflower Quarterly* Magazine; this year marks my last of 20 issues, with the 2020 winter issue. I know I am leaving the *Quarterly* in good hands with our new Editor, Andrew Whipple, a member of the Massachusetts Society. I wish him the best of luck and I have a feeling he will enjoy it as much as I have.

As my last offering to GSMD for this important 2020 year, I am pleased to have edited a new book, *The Mayflower Society House: A New Look at the Edward Winslow House, 1754-2020*, by Former Governor General Bruce C. MacGunnigle. If you have not yet purchased a copy of this 2020 keepsake, you should do so.

Thank you for your support and kindnesses over the past nine years; many of you I've known since my first Congress in 1990. I treasure the friends and cousins I have met along the way and the many dedicated officers I have been fortunate to have worked with. I will miss you all!

REPORT OF SECRETARY GENERAL JANE E. GROVES RIDDELL HURT

What an amazing journey the last three years have been for this officer! During my term I have been involved in so many of the activities of the Society. It has been my joy to serve side by side with this Executive Committee led by George P. Garmany, Jr., MD.

As you know, the primary functions of my office are to record all regular and special proceedings; to notify the General Board of Assistants and Executive Committee of all meetings held; to transmit notices and communications required, and to perform other duties of the office. I serve on the Executive and Personnel Committees. Both groups meet quarterly in Plymouth and monthly by telephone. I have attended every meeting.

This officer has also served on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee forwarding the changes for consideration to this Congress. I have worked with the Executive Director, Director of Finance, Membership Manager and Member Societies to facilitate the annual reconciliations.

This Secretary General has also served as Chairman of the Meeting and Events Committee. This committee has worked incredibly hard to make sure that every detail for our 400th Anniversary Congress was taken care of. My appreciation goes to Executive Director Susan Belekewicz, Bonnie Wade Mucia, Carla Rigby, Gretchen Harvey, Grace Smith, Meg Averett, Prarie Counce and Susan Braun.

Planning is not complete without our wonderful Plymouth staff who have been instrumental in completing the work that had to be done at the office. My heartfelt thanks Executive Director, Susan Belekewicz and staff who have assisted this Secretary General.

It has been a pleasure to serve on the Awards Committee with Chairman, Virginia Mucciaccio and alongside Jane Schleinzer. Recognizing outstanding service and contributions by extraordinary members to their Member Society and to the General Society is an honor.

I would like to thank our Member Society Secretaries who made my job easier. Thank you all.

It has been rewarding to watch the Australian Society develop this year. Thank you, Keith Quimbach and Bill Elliott.

We made history this year with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants first virtual Congress. We are joined internationally by Canada, Europe and the new Australian Society.

I am confident that the Nominating Committee's choice for my successor, Meg Averett will be the perfect person to help steer us towards 2023. The next three years are going to be exciting!

It has been my great honor and privilege to serve as your Secretary General. Thank you.

REPORT OF TREASURER GENERAL ELIZABETH "LIZ" GAUDREAU, CPA

2020 has turned out to be an unusual year to say the least! COVID-19 has put a damper on most of our gatherings, which eliminated the ability to talk in-person to groups about our financial picture. We truly hope a new normal balance can be achieved and in-person gatherings can once again occur with adherence to rules deemed appropriate.

My focus since March 2020 was to ensure Member Societies were well informed of our current financial position together with the impacts of our upcoming Proposed Amendments. It has been a challenge to work with the funding we currently operate within at $15.00 per member for Per Capita Assessment and a $75 Lineage Assessment Fee; the budget process once again showed we had to severely curb our spending just to "keep the lights on." Luckily, we have an Executive Director and a Director of Finance that are keenly focused on managing our financial path, but this funding rate is not one that can sustain our Society for any length of time. Audited financials, once they are finalized, will be distributed out to the General Board of Assistants.

Highlights from this past fiscal year include:

1. We ended our year with a deficit of ($196,313) made up of the following:
    a. Investments: Deficit of ($31,638), compared to last year's surplus of $570,656 - these funds are reinvested for Long Term Projects, part of our endowments
    b. Meetinghouse: Deficit of ($194,924)
    c. Operations: Surplus of $30,249
2. We had investment returns of $354,987 and withdrew $386,625 in accordance with our 4% spending policy with the balance in our investments.
3. Our revenue came in at $2.012 million,15% higher than last year and 3% higher than budget. The sources of revenue outside of the spending policy allotment are made up of Membership Fees and assessments at 37.3%, Gifts at 21.7%, Sales of books and insignia at 20.6%, and the Society House revenues brought in almost $12,000.
4. Expenditures came in at $1.98 million, 9% higher than last year and 1% higher than budget. Most of the increase was related to adding staff for the Genealogy Department and painting of the Society House. How your money was spent was 33% on the Genealogy department, 13% on Genealogical research and publication costs, Society House operations takes 13.2%, Member Services, which includes the *Mayflower Quarterly*, uses 19.5%, Fundraising costs 4.2% and Administration uses 17%. We have $12.4 million in assets, of that, $11.9 million is in cash and investments.
5. Our main liability is a Paycheck Protection Program loan that is expected to be forgiven in full during the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

6. I wish to thank Susan Belekewicz for everything she has done this year with her amazing efforts related to our financial matters. Partnering with Susan has been such a wonderful experience these past three years. I would also like to thank Cheryl Whittaker, our Director of Finance, for all her work keeping the daily matters moving forward; GSMD (and I!) are very fortunate to have her talents for our financial transactions.

The preceding financial results point to the need for our General Board of Assistants to see how important it will be to support the Proposed Amendments #2 & #3. The ability to be nimble as stated in Proposed Amendments #4 & #5 is equally as important. I earnestly hope all of the forums we've had during this past spring and summer coupled with our responses to your emails and calls with information have provided enough to see a successful outcome to these Proposed Amendments.

It has been truly an honor to serve our wonderful Society as Treasurer General these last three years.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN GENERAL MARJORIE "MIDGE" HURTUK

We had expected this 2020 year to bring record numbers of inquiries, applications, and supplementals as publicity surrounding the 400th anniversary of the *Mayflower* 1620 voyage excited interest – and it did. We had not expected a pandemic to result in our closing the Plymouth campus. Our carefully designed procedures and protocols for verifying lineages, supervising the files and library, and managing member applications and support programs like the Mayflower Lineage Match came to a screeching halt in March.

I want to start my report with a statement of awe and gratitude to our staff, our volunteers and our Member Society historians for quickly devising ways to continue working. The systems weren't perfect, but they worked. AMAZINGLY!! By April we were back in business, albeit in new and creative ways.

Application and Verification Numbers:
First, numbers:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*
Apps. Rec'd	1340	1424	1574	1690	1790	1962	2728	**2633**
Apps. App'd	1423	1219	1622	1660	1623	1930	1958	**2835**
Supps Rec'd	443	404	447	549	638	730	1013	**927**
Supps App'd	474	352	438	530	540	740	855	**1088**

*The 2020 numbers are annualized.

Increase in approved applications 2019 to 2020 – **44.8%**
Increase in approved supplemental 2019 to 2020 – **27.3%**

Our lead time, or delay from receipt to approval, is at an unacceptable five months, but given the numbers and the handicap of adopting remote verification, I think our staff has done everything they could do to mitigate this.

Mayflower Lineage Matches (MLM's):

MLM's continue to be an important financial contributor and source of new member prospects. We have experienced some reduction in numbers, but we don't have enough history to determine if it is seasonal, the result of some peaked anniversary excitement, or if this represents some limit to the potential market. Early in 2020 we averaged 277 MLM's a month. For more recent four months, we've averaged 215 a month. Even at the reduced numbers, this is a very significant program, bringing in some $200,000/year.

Family Search File Scanning Project:

The file scanning project is complete. There are two primary reasons why this project was so critical to us: First it allowed us to preserve electronically the 100,000+ lineages and files in our vault which will deteriorate to ruin over time, and second, it allows us to develop electronic search vehicles for remote searching and matching of lines. FamilySearch provided the means and the manpower for this project. Our files through 2019 are now secure. In four to five years, FamilySearch will return to update the scanning to include the newer files.

The timing of this has been propitious. As the covid-19 shut down arrived, so did the ability to remotely access an indexing system which allows us to determine how much of the line in a new application has been previously verified, when, and with what proofs. This is a system we have long used, but in the past we had to be on campus and physically access the files. With the new system, we can do this electronically – and remotely.

Staffing:

We are currently staffed to budget, but understaffed for acceptable wait times. As we have gotten used to remote verifying, we are discovering that this may have a place in our future work model, and it may provide us with avenues to increased efficiency and decreased costs.

Conclusion:

This has been a challenging and a rewarding year. The record numbers due to the anniversary year, and the unprecedented forced reconfiguration of work modes, have combined to challenge us. Our staff has done a wonderful job meeting the challenge. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO YOU ALL!!

REPORT OF CAPTAIN GENERAL JEFF STARK

It has been a privilege to be your Captain General for the last three years. We made quite a few additions to modernize the position, which I hope the new Captain General observes. These were approved by the GBOA, but Congress did not add them to by-laws, as we were pretty busy that day. These added duties are:

1. Act as adjutant to the Governor General, getting materials, running errands, passing out materials, conveying messages, etc.; anything necessary to make the GG's job easier.
2. Be responsible for the proper storage and transportation of the Society flags and their proper display at meetings and special occasions.
3. Act as Sergeant-at-Arms at meetings.
4. Communicate with Member Society Captains, offering support, and suggestions for enhancement of their positions, as well as being very accessible for their questions or concerns.
5. Check for correct set-up for all meetings, check all technology and be sure that knowledgeable operators are assigned.
6. Act as Ex-Oficio Captain of the Mayflower Guard.
7. Coordinate Mayflower Guides and act as greeter at GSMD events.
8. Communicate needs in personnel and equipment to Host Societies for events, as directed by Governor General and Executive Committee at least six months, but preferably a year prior to meetings of the GBOA and the Congress planners.
9. Arrange for all distribution of materials to members during meetings, elections and microphone-passers (also referred to as Pages) and see that they are properly trained for those assignments.
10. Will have an active position at meetings and events to accomplish these tasks and not be required to sit at the head table.

We have instituted the Mayflower Guard, which is taking a regular role in our Society. I'm sure the new Captain General will realize the importance of this new group and support and encourage its growth. We have accepted in principal the Mayflower Guides, although full implementation has not yet been accomplished. I hope the new Captain General can make these new "Pages" of our juniors happen. As always, it has been a pleasure to serve you as your Captain General.

REPORT OF SURGEON GENERAL NAOMI MANN, MD

This being my final report as your Surgeon General, I would like to thank you for giving me the honor and privilege of serving you. I have tried to work hard for you in the past six years by:

1. Implementing notifications of the nearest pharmacy, urgent care and hospitals for all meetings,
2. Obtaining AED and emergency medical packs for the Congress meetings,
3. Assist in writing the first DNA policy for the Society and its most recent update in August,
4. Being the first Surgeon General to verify an application utilizing DNA data,
5. Being part of the team which helped forge a new association with Family Tree DNA,
6. Lectured and given tutorials on DNA in genealogy, and,
7. Formulated a Member Society Surgeon packet which included a power point presentation, DNA and YOU; a compilation of Interpreting Your DNA Results; updated DNA Policy; and revisiting the role of Member Society Surgeon.

As a junior member since 1957 and a senior member since 1972, I have been proud of my GSMD heritage and try to uphold its ideals. In support of our newer Member Societies, Europe and Australia, I became a charter member of both (just as my family were charter members of the Louisiana Society) and will go on to become Australia's new Member Society Surgeon. I wish everyone the very best in the future, especially our new Surgeon General, Dr. Charles Hill. Remember, it only takes one small candle to light the way.

REPORT OF MEMBER-AT-LARGE LISA H. PENNINGTON, ESQ.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the General Society of Mayflower Descendants for the 2017-2020 term. The following summarizes my major activities over the last three years:

I created a series of genealogical lectures at the Mayflower House during the summer and fall of 2019, and recruited speakers for a series of lectures for 2020. Sadly, the Covid outbreak prevented the lectures this year, but we hope to begin monthly lectures on a number of genealogical, historical and general interest topics for members and non-members, both in person and in an electronic format.

Since 2018, I have acted as GSMD's corporate representative in defense of a lawsuit filed by Charles Morgan. A more complete description of this suit is published in the Winter 2019 *MQM*. Since 2019, three judges have written four opinions rejecting Mr. Morgan's claims. At this writing, he has filed yet another Notice of Appeal which I predict will be summarily dismissed.

I have served on the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse trust board and attended meetings, reviewed agreements and contracts, and helped move this outstanding project forward.

I gave numerous educational speeches about our *Mayflower* ancestors to Member Societies, the Massachusetts Historical Society, Pilgrim Hall, several DAR groups and other community organizations.

I prepared numerous Member-at-Large updates for our Member Society leadership to keep them advised of GSMD activities.

Finally, I look forward to commemorating the 400th Anniversary of Thanksgiving with all our *Mayflower* descendants next year!

REPORT OF MEMBER-AT-LARGE DONALD T. STUDLEY, CPA

It has been an honor to serve as Member-at-Large of the General Society over the past three years. With the completion of my term as Member-at-Large I have completed my ninth consecutive year as a member of the Executive Committee. In each of my three terms, I have been privileged to serve alongside an outstanding group of officers all dedicated to advancing our Society to serve our members in new and innovative ways. It has been a great pleasure and a wonderful experience for me to serve with such an impressive and highly qualified group, and I look forward to my continued service in the next few years as your Assistant Governor General.

A lot has been accomplished over the past nine years to make our Society stronger and more effective in telling the story of our Pilgrim fathers and mothers. For the first time in our long history we hired an Executive Director to oversee our expanding Plymouth staff, allowing us a continuity of leadership unavailable with a change in elected leadership every three years. We professionalized our finance staff by hiring a full-time Business Manager who has provided a transparency to our financial reporting that our volunteer Treasurer General could not be expected to provide. We have developed formal spending policies to regulate the rate of withdrawal from our substantial endowments so that we can use these funds for the on-going mission of the Society as well as provide for our longer-term needs. We accepted the donation of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse and established a charitable trust to oversee its development into a Pilgrim Education Center. Lastly, we provided for the digitization of our membership applications to make them available in a modern format for future generations.

It has been my distinct privilege to have participated in all these accomplishments and many more too numerous to mention. I thank you for allowing me the honor to serve and I look forward to three more years of service to our great Society.

REPORT OF MEMBER-AT-LARGE JANE DUXBURY SCHLEINZER

This past year has been very busy. Preparing for the 400th Anniversary has topped the list. This has taken on many different forms, and then the pandemic hit. 2020 turned into the year of coming up with alternatives. I'm happy we were able to come up with ways to manage the Society. While we had to cancel our in-person Congress, we will just have to make up for it next year, after all, 2021 will be another 400th Anniversary.

I'm just amazed at how quickly the past three years have gone by. It has been a joy to be a part of the 2017-2020 Executive Committee. I'm looking forward to serving GSMD for the next three years. I also look forward to working with and visiting the Member Societies.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUSAN T. BELEKEWICZ

I am pleased to submit my annual report. I would like to highlight key activities and accomplishments of this past year:

Coronavirus Pandemic Management

Like the rest of the world, our life at GSMD changed significantly this March with the pandemic. Within one week, our team went from "normal" to implementing a rotational work schedule to a fully remote work plan. Throughout this pandemic, we succeeded in keeping all but one of our year-round staff employed, working remotely. We applied for and secured a Payroll Protection Program ("PPP") loan which provided needed financial security for the organization.

Actually, there were some positive changes that happened because of this pandemic. We accelerated a project that was underway in the Genealogy Department to make our digitized applications and documents accessible to our Verifiers: they are now using a "Virtual Vault," a cloud-based system that replicates the card catalogue and application files housed in the Library's Vault. This new capability has proven to be enormously helpful to the Verifiers, adding efficiency. Also, we have

subscribed to a Zoom conference capability to support both the Operation's and the Society's communications needs. Regular communications with the staff have been critical during this period. And I believe that the forums that were held throughout the spring and summer have made a meaningful difference in enhancing the level of engagement of our GBOA members.

Currently, our offices are partially reopened (with 50% or less staffing levels maintained at all times) in compliance with the Governor Baker's Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards. Due to the rigorous daily cleaning requirements and the damage that occurred earlier this year, the Mayflower Society House remains closed. Tours are conducted for members at the Mayflower Meetinghouse by appointment.

Genealogy Department

Throughout this year, the Genealogy Department's focus has been to accelerate the verification of applications to permit the approval of as many new members as possible during this anniversary year. But, to be clear, any and all changes made to accelerate the verification were only implemented when it could be confirmed that it would not jeopardize the quality of the review.

The team's efforts have produced significant results. At the start of the year, we were approving less than 300 applications per month; we are now consistently approving close to 400 per month. To illustrate this impact in real terms – in 2019, we approved 2,813 applications: in 2020, we are on pace to approve 4,135 applications, which would represent a 46.9% year over year improvement.

Audit & Finance

This year, we achieved a clean audit with all comments from last year cleared and no new comments to address.

Much of my time is spent in the area of financial management: throughout the year, we actively monitor the budget and closely track required outside of budget expenditures. The budgeting process for FY2021 was particularly challenging; because we did not know what would be decided during the Special Congress, we had to create several FY2021 Budget scenarios that included proposed uses of potential funding at various funding levels. These proposals were prioritized by the Executive Committee and shared with the General Board of Assistants and other Society Officers during the summer forums. And working with Treasurer General Gaudreau, we created a Per Capita Usage proposal requested by the Finance Committee.

Beginning in May, significant time was also spent working with the Executive Committee to prepare for the various forums that were conducted throughout the spring and summer. The goal was to clearly communicate GSMD's financial situation to the General Board and the reasons to support passage of the proposed amendments. We did our best to respond to all Member Societies' questions, whether in writing or with phone call discussions. It is my hope that the members of the GBOA have a much better understanding of our organization's challenges as well as a shared vision for its future.

Building and Grounds

In anticipation of the anniversary, exterior improvements were completed on the Mayflower Society House; the entire house and shutters were painted, the porch railings were repaired and a new stain was applied to the decking to make the entire house sparkle. Old shrubbery was removed in front of the porch and a beautiful planting of pink and white impatiens adds the perfect "Mayflower" touch.

In the area of security improvements, the surveillance camera coverage for property was expanded. In the garden, we wanted to ensure clear camera coverage in the area where the Bradford Statue is to be placed. Special access has been established for the Plymouth Police.

In advance of creating the Haywood Gallery, all of the paintings donated by Mike Haywood have been matted and framed by a professional who formerly worked at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

And while every attempt was made throughout the year to resolve our Corn Hill property deed issue, the deed transfer remains unresolved and so property improvements have been unable to begin.

A water leak from an upstairs toilet during the night of May 4th to 5th caused significant damage to the Mayflower Society House's Library. It was discovered early in the morning; contractors were brought in quickly to effect immediate remediation which reduced further damage. However, there was significant damage to the beautiful ceiling, to some of the wood, a warping of one of the doors, and damage to an ornate mirror. A team of craftsmen have been identified to complete the restoration work. Fortunately, two years ago, our House insurance policy was upgraded to a Historic Replacement Policy; we are hopeful that our insurance will cover the restoration expenses.

Membership

This year, we implemented quarterly membership reconciliations with each of the Member Societies: our goal is to make the annual reconciliation much easier for everyone. Also, we have strengthened the procedures for member transfers by requesting a sign-

off and acknowledgement from both the outgoing and incoming Societies. Historically, member transfers between Societies have been a problem area during the annual reconciliation. But, even more importantly, having a process for a smooth hand-off of transferring members will improve the member's experience.

Led by Secretary General Hurt, I participated on a project team with representatives from the Colorado and Massachusetts Societies to update and improve the GBOA Meeting Guidelines.

Technology

While our ability to make significant improvements on our website has been limited by our lack of funding, we were able to work with the Scholarship Committee to automate the Scholarship Application process this year.

Planning for a new GSMD website has proven to be complex; we engaged our current website support team to analyze the website component offered by our membership management system vendor. It was decided that their capability was too limited and too restrictive to meet GSMD's current needs, let alone future goals for the website. Pending a funding decision by the Special Congress, a quote is being obtained to replicate our existing website on a modern Droople platform. A "wish list" for enhancements is being created so the incremental costs can be estimated and enhanced capabilities can be prioritized if/when funding permits.

Also pending a website decision, we have moved forward and are in the final stages of implementing a new Square webstore that we can plug into our existing website until a new one can be created. Our new Square Store will dramatically improve the member shopping experience.

Heritage Week, Provincetown and 2020

For me, the saddest part of all about the pandemic was that we were forced to cancel or postpone the great events we had planned for the anniversary year. During the 400th, we had hoped to make history with the Mayflower Compact Reenactment event in Provincetown; it was to have been the first time that Provincetown would assume its rightful role in the Mayflower Story during a major anniversary. We will have to let future generations make that history for us.

I spent countless hours working with Secretary General Hurt and the Meeting and Events Committee in every detail of the planning process. I personally want to thank the Meeting and Events Committee for their dedication and hard work – it was such a great group of volunteers and I am so delighted to have had the opportunity to work side-by-side with you, getting to know each and every one of you.

First there was all the planning and then there was all the unraveling of the plans, salvaging what could be moved to 2021. Fortunately, our Heritage Week Program has been rescheduled to next April 14th. The Gala, and the Pilgrim Progress and Mayflower Society House Garden Reception have been rescheduled to September 2021 during the MA GBOA meeting.

We were so fortunate to have had our contract in place with Site Solutions; they were ready and able to ensure a well-managed refund process for our members. We had close to 1,000 members registered at the time Congress was canceled. Without Site Solutions' services, the volume of required refunds would have taken months for our GSMD staff to manually process.

Because of the current political unrest concerning statues, the Bradford Statue remains safely in its foundry in Colorado; arrangements will be made to bring the statue to Plymouth next year. The statue will be unveiled and the grand opening of the Haywood Gallery will occur during the Garden Reception at the MA GBOA in 2021.

The Mayflower Meetinghouse

It was a wonderful experience to be an active participant in the Meetinghouse working group that was comprised of Meetinghouse Trustee representatives and members of the community. The group worked with our Design Team to create a vision for the future of the Meetinghouse, with the focus of creating a Pilgrim Education Center within the space. The Meetinghouse truly has the potential to catapult GSMD's education mission to a new level.

Last Thanksgiving, the Meetinghouse hosted an Illuminate Thanksgiving event to a capacity, standing-room only crowd. William Bradford with his "One Small Candle" was brought to life in a moving ceremony.

Executive Committee Transition

Having completed my first three years with the Society, I am now positioned to manage the transition and welcome a new Executive Committee. I have prepared a transition plan including a post-election communication plan and a new Executive Committee Member Orientation program.

I would like to thank Governor General Garmany and his Executive Committee for their service to the Society these past three years – it has been a pleasure to work with all of you! I am very grateful for the opportunity to be part of this wonderful organization. I look forward to working with the members of the GBOA, Society Officers and the new Executive Committee to bring the Society into its bright future.

Quilting in Quarantine: Retired GSMD Librarian Crafts Member Society Quilt

by Erin Darling, GSMD Communications

Retired GSMD Librarian Carolyn Travers has made the most of the coronavirus pandemic. Where life has given almost everyone lemons in 2020, turning said lemons into lemonade is easier said than done. But for people who were born to be productive in quarantine, look no further than librarians, genealogists and quilters. Carolyn Travers happens to be all three.

Carolyn, who grew up in Plymouth, embarked on the path that eventually led her to working for the Mayflower Society, from a young age. Growing up in a tourist town, she, like most of her classmates, ended up working in the tourism industry. After graduating from Earlham College in Indiana, Carolyn returned to America's Hometown and began working at Plimoth Plantation in the 1627 Village. Getting a master's degree in Library and Information from Simmons College in Boston, she was hired by the Plantation's Research Department, where she worked for 30 years before becoming GSMD's librarian.

Carolyn's 2020 quilt, which features blocks depicting all 54 GSMD Member Societies, was not intended to be a quarantine project at all – not at first. GSMD Director of Research and Genealogy Marti Bobertz devised the idea as a fun project for Carolyn to take on in her new retirement from being GSMD's full-time librarian for 12 years (she still works part-time for the Society).

Marti worked with late Michigan historian Cathy Pouls to have Member Societies make blocks for Carolyn to sew into the quilt. These blocks were sent to Plymouth and gifted to Carolyn during her retirement breakfast earlier this year.

"It was a complete surprise," Carolyn said. "After working with the Member Societies for 12 years, it was really touching to have people go to this much effort."

What started as a fun retirement project for 2020 turned into something, perhaps, even more poignant.

From the outset, Carolyn's goal was to finish the quilt in time for the September 2020 Triennial Congress that was to be held in Plymouth, during which the Mayflower Society had many commemorations planned in honor of the 400th Anniversary of the *Mayflower* voyage. The completed quilt was to be displayed somewhere at GSMD headquarters, either in the Research Library or in the Mayflower Society House. The quilt will, indeed, get its prominent display in the near future, so that members visiting Plymouth will get to admire it in person, and find the block representing their Member Society.

▲ Carolyn Traver's 2020 quilt features all 54 GSMD Member Societies. Carolyn said she can't pick a favorite block on the quilt, "because they're all so different."

Carolyn received 48 blocks from various Member Societies, "which was a tremendous return," she said. But that left six more blocks that needed to be designed and sewn. "Thinking it was important that everybody was represented, I did the blocks for them."

However, 54 was an inconvenient number for a quilt, so Carolyn made two more blocks so there would be seven blocks across and eight down. Carolyn had fun creating the additional blocks, but once that task was done, she had to decide how to fit all of the disparate pieces together.

Each block was made with "different skill levels, materials, techniques, colors," Carolyn explained. "That was challenging, trying to figure out how to put them

▲ Carolyn and her husband, Leonard "Len" Travers, admire the quilt blocks that Member Societies sent to Plymouth for Carolyn to use in her quilt.

▲ Carolyn Travers (center) is honored upon her retirement as GSMD's Librarian, with DGRS Marti Bobertz (left) and Executive Director Susan Belekewicz.

together. There were minor variations in size, which is going to happen with a group quilt."

"I tried organizing them different ways, working with the block styles and colors," she added. "Ultimately, I ended up alphabetizing them, starting with Alabama and ending with Wyoming."

For the border, Carolyn had a brown fabric featuring a world map pattern, which was also gifted to the quilter. And because so many Societies happened to use blue and brown fabric in their blocks, Carolyn decided that those would be the main colors for the "filler" fabric between the blocks. These were all selected from her quilter's "stash" of leftover fabrics. The only purchase she made was the world map fabric used for the backing, which had to be ordered online.

"It is kind of a COVID quilt," she remarked. "People couldn't get what they wanted because stores were closed. The Wisconsin cow and barn fabric was on back order for months."

Despite the circumstances, "people were amazingly inventive," Carolyn said. "We all had our challenges this year; that was just one of them."

One of the major unforeseen challenges took a tragic turn. Cathy Pouls, the historian working as Carolyn's "offsite coordinator" for the quilt project, passed away from COVID in September. "She didn't get to see it finished," Carolyn said, adding that she wanted to ensure Cathy's contributions would be recognized.

What Cathy helped Carolyn pull together turned out to be a beautiful representation of all 54 Member Societies. Once again, Carolyn said she was in awe of the inventiveness from those who contributed to the project, with the way they decided to represent their Societies and states.

Now, Carolyn is hoping GSMD can find a place to display the quilt for members to see.

"It would be nice to have it in the library, if there is a place big enough" to hang it, she said. That, or perhaps in the Members' Lounge in the House. Wherever it ends up, Carolyn prefers to have it on display somewhere on the GSMD campus. "I just don't want to bundle it up and stick it in a closet!"

The quilt serves as a fitting tribute for the quilter's time as GSMD's librarian, the relationships she formed with the Member Society historians, and of the work they have all put in to help folks solidify their connections to *Mayflower* passengers. Work that Carolyn is happy to continue doing for GSMD on a part-time basis, researching family lines, "dead ends and missing links." From the looks of her quilt, it's clear Carolyn is skilled at putting all the pieces together.

Governor General Honored

For his three years of service as Governor General from 2017-2020, Former Governor General George P. Garmany, Jr., MD was presented with the Governor General Award.

We should also mention that FGG Garmany has also served as Surgeon General from 2002-2014 and Assistant Governor General from 2014-2017.

Staff Appreciation During the 2020 Pandemic. *Thank You!*

By Susan Belekewicz, Executive Director

I am so proud of my staff for their diligence and extraordinary efforts throughout the pandemic. For all of us, it was never a question of stopping work. We just couldn't, because you all depend on us and we take that responsibility very seriously. Instead, our challenge was to determine how we could keep the Society's business running and continue to support our members.

I want to recognize DGRS Marti Bobertz and her team – without missing a beat, they kept application verification humming. As they say, "necessity is the Mother of invention." The team implemented "the Box Brigade." Incoming mail was boxed up and sent home to clerical staff to keep up with initial processing. And a managed rotation was created for the verifiers who went to Marti's front porch to pick up and drop off their boxes filled with applications and documentation. Because we were able to accelerate a technology project, now their boxes are only filled with assigned applications to verify, and the Verifiers use a cloud-based "Virtual Vault" to access member applications and needed documents. The team has achieved remarkable results.

Our Director of Finance Cheryl Whittaker was instrumental in securing the PPP Loan for the Society. She and Tiffany Walters worked together to rework financial controls for remote bill payments and other cash movement approvals – the bills had to be paid!

Because we could not come into the office for a period of time, we did have to suspend sales fulfillment. But once we were able to come back into the office, Sales Manager Sylvie Carlson and Sales Assistant Donna Olsson went gangbusters sending out merchandise to our members. While Sylvie was working from home, she developed a new web store that will be opening soon!

Development Assistant Kathy Liolios and Membership Manager Emily Brockway joined forces to completely update our membership database. Communications Coordinator Erin Darling maintained uninterrupted communications with MQMs, Pilgrim Presses and social media posts.

Throughout this period, Zoom was an invaluable tool to us, ensuring regular communications teamwide. Keeping everyone informed and connected was an essential element to the team's success.

Currently, our offices are partially reopened (with 50% or less staffing levels maintained at all times) in compliance with the Governor Baker's Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards.

▲ GSMD staff members (Cheryl, Erin, Donna, Sylvie, Susan) participated in a virtual "ribbon cutting" video for the Plymouth County Chamber of Commerce, featuring local businesses starting to reopen.

▲ Kathy Liolios
Executive Assistant

▲ Susan Belekewicz
Executive Director

▲ Erin Darling
Communications Coordinator

▲ Phil Johnson
Verifier

▲ Sylvie Carlson
Sales Manager

▲ Marti Bobertz
DGRS

We Miss Our Docents!!!

Because of the pandemic, this year, we were unable to open the Mayflower Society House and the Mayflower Meetinghouse for tours. The Mayflower Society House remains closed. We are just starting to conduct limited tours for members by appointment at the Mayflower Meetinghouse. We look forward to welcoming back our Docents next year.

The GSMD and NEHGS Collaboration

By Ryan J. Woods

This benefit is free for GSMD members. To access this digital database, GSMD members must:

- Log in to the members' only section of the GSMD website.
- Click on the Partnerships Banner.
- Click on the GSMD and NEHGS Partnership Tab.
- There you will find an explanation of the digital database.
- Then, you will click on the pink access description and arrive at the digital database.

Or you may click on the following link if you are logged in as a GSMD member: www.themayflowersociety.org/members-only/gsmd-and-nehgs--

2020 marks the 400th anniversary of the story of America's founding with the quadricentennial commemoration of the landing of the *Mayflower*, and it marks the 175th anniversary of the founding of the New England Historic Genealogical Society — the first genealogical organization in the world.

In honor of these special anniversaries, we have been hard at work over the last several years preparing to publish new ground-breaking historical and genealogical scholarship, launch new databases and online research materials, and produce programming to educate people about the Pilgrim story and how to research their possible genealogical connections.

Central to our work for 2020 is a proud partnership with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. In January 2017, we entered into a mutual agreement to help more people discover their *Mayflower* connections by creating online databases from the fifth-generation content in the *Silver Books* and *The Mayflower Quarterly* historical issues. To complete the databases, NEHGS staff scanned, transcribed and digitized 11,800 relevant pages for fifth-generation descendants from 31 volumes of the *Silver Books* and 5,000 pages from the first 50 volumes of the *Mayflower Quarterly*. The "*Mayflower Families Fifth Generation Descendants, 1700-1880*" database contains more than 575,000 searchable names, and "*The Mayflower Quarterly* (1935-1985)" database contains 92,000 searchable names and high-resolution images of all pages of the periodical for the first fifty years of its publication. The exciting collaborative efforts to bring GSMD's content to more people through the award-winning website of NEHGS, AmericanAncestors.org, resulted in numerous media stories, including national coverage by the Associated Press. The databases were launched in May 2018 and December 2019, respectively, and they are an important dataset among the more than 1.4 billion searchable records available on AmericanAncestors.org.

In the fall of 2017, we entered into another agreement — a three-way partnership with GSMD, FamilySearch and NEHGS — to digitize and make available historic GSMD membership applications to further help people discover their *Mayflower* ancestry. NEHGS has served as the technical lead on the project, creating the digital indexes and image linking for the applications that FamilySearch scanned at the GSMD headquarters. To complete this work, NEHGS contributed $125,000 and 3,500 hours to the project. The result is a database that includes 4.6 million searchable names across 190,000 pages of applications and supplemental applications to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants from its founding in 1897 for applicants born before January 1, 1920. The database index includes; the applicant, their ancestral *Mayflower* passenger, and the indexed birth, marriage and death information for each generation of descendants on the application. In addition to the searchable database of membership applications, a family tree is constructed for each *Mayflower* passenger that can be viewed in AmericanAncesTREES, the NEHGS online family tree service. The trees contain individuals from any application where the person was born before January 1, 1920. Each of the databases on which NEHGS has worked with GSMD will be made freely available to GSMD members.

As the country's leading nonprofit genealogical organization, NEHGS is incredibly honored to work with the Mayflower Society as one of the nation's most esteemed hereditary societies to illuminate the Pilgrim story and bring the highest standards of genealogical research to the digital age for the benefit of the public and help more people connect to their *Mayflower* ancestry.

Ryan R. Woods is the Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer of the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

Three *Mayflower* Descendants Coming Home to Leyden Street!

Three *Mayflower* descendants are living the *Mayflower* Dream when recently they each purchased a house on Leyden Street. Read the accounts by Former Governor General Lea Filson, Counsellor General Lisa Pennington and Idaho Society Governor Deborah Lasher Hardy.

27 LEYDEN STREET

by Former Governor General Lea Sinclair Filson

It is hard to put into words, as a *Mayflower* descendant, what it feels like to live at 27 Leyden Street. It would not be an exaggeration to say that every time I walk out the door and look up the street at the Meetinghouse, it brings joy.

Leyden Street is the actual place the *Mayflower* Pilgrims built Plymouth Colony in 1620, originally a settlement of the Wampanoag for over 10,000 years. Sadly, the Native peoples who lived in what was then called Patuxet, died of disease and the land was abandoned for three years. After the *Mayflower* arrived, the Pilgrims built the first common house on the land where 27 Leyden Street now stands. It provided shelter that first winter for timber, supplies, and those who were sick. It burned down, and the Pilgrims pulled the sick outside in the snow. It was rebuilt, later became a garden plot, and then in the 1700s, a house.

It is unusual, to say the least, to live in one of the most photographed houses in New England, but it is also thrilling to know so many people journey here to learn the *Mayflower* story. Some speculate that the inner part of the house you see today is as old as the late 1600s. It was enlarged to its present state in the late 1700s by sea Captain William Barnes and his wife Sarah. They were married in 1793 and had seven children. Four boys and three girls, plus parents occupied this small home! Both husband and wife were *Mayflower* descendants. Between them, they descended from Bradford, Brewster, Warren, Cooke, Soule, Billington, and Doty. I am descended from Doty and Cooke plus Hopkins, Allerton and Priest, so 10 *Mayflower* Pilgrims' kin are represented in the house. I haven't had the time to start looking for descendants in other generations, but I am sure I'll find more.

When negotiations began on purchasing the front part of the house, I had no idea it would take a full year of wrangling to own it, but the owner finally relented and agreed to a price closer to what it was worth, and it was mine. In the late 70s the house was divided into two condos by investors and sold off. Ron and I hope to purchase the back half one day, move in for good, and make it the cozy home it once was.

When we decided to occupy the house, we knew it would be an adventure. A third of our belongings were left in storage but we settled in, nonetheless. A sitting room downstairs, a kitchen, the entrance and a half-bath were beautifully restored and modernized by Ron. Upstairs we added a modern bathroom and were barely able to fit a queen-size bed in the tiny bedroom. The second bedroom became Ron's office.

The only floor we weren't able to save was in the kitchen. Ron found the same pine flooring in New Hampshire and saved all of the square-head nails in the floor to use when replacing it. Ron even found a bone between the framing after removing several layers of linoleum and wood flooring. I am going to have an expert look at it to see how old it is!

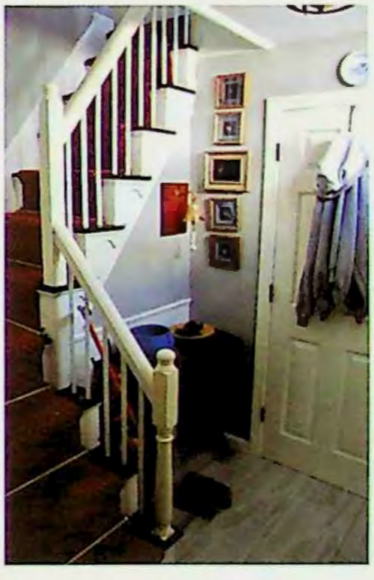
I have turned the house into a *Mayflower* house. Everything in it is relative to the *Mayflower* story or the Society. We recently found a place on the waterfront on Warren Avenue and have moved the other third of our belongings there. My dream for purchasing 27 Leyden can now be realized. It will be available to major donors to the Mayflower Meetinghouse for a night's stay. My wish is that when they walk to the back yard and overlook Town Brook and Brewster Garden, they will feel good about why they donated to the Meetinghouse.

I will also offer it to Mayflower Society members for a starting donation of $300 dollars a night and $200 of that will be tax deductible as a donation to the Meetinghouse. The rest will be spent for cleaning costs. We still stay there quite often, especially when David Furlow and Lisa Pennington are in town at their 2 Carver residence across the street. I recently convinced Debbie Hardy to purchase 22 Leyden Street, an old Victorian house that is a charmer. All of us plan to do Thanksgiving, after the pandemic, out in the street in front of our homes right where the first Thanksgiving was held by the Pilgrims and Wampanoags. My hope is to see every house on Leyden occupied by Mayflower Society members. Come join us! We are all so glad we are here!

▲ #27 Leyden Street

▲ Sitting room

▲ Bedroom



▲ Front entry and stairs

▲ Top floor

▲ View up Leyden Street

▲ View from backyard, Brewster Garden

▲ Lisa and David

▲ #2 Carver Street, on corner of Leyden

▲ Pottery found onsite

▲ Sitting room

▲ Sitting room

▲ Dining room

▲ The house is on the end on the right of both pictures

Save the Date: April 14, 2021

The Spring GSMD Heritage Week Breakfast is scheduled for April 14, 2021, in Washington, D.C. Our event will be held at The Army and Navy Club, 901 Seventeenth Street, NW, from 7:30-10:00a.m. More details, including registration website coming in January 2021. Hope to see you there!

2 CARVER ST.

by Counsellor General Lisa Pennington

In June, 2018, FGG Lea Filson told me that I had to buy the house across the street from hers on Leyden Street. I remember telling her, "David and I live in Texas!" We happened to be in Plymouth for an EC meeting, so Lea made an appointment with a realtor for us to see the house. We've always loved old houses, so we thought we would just "look." By August, we were homeowners in Massachusetts!

After we moved in, I couldn't wait to research all the people who had lived on this lot over the last 400 years. Prior to 1620, the Wampanoag used this area for their farms rather than their village. After the *Mayflower* landed, one of the four common houses could have been built here, but we don't know for sure. The lot was assigned to Robert Hicks, who arrived on the *Fortune* in 1621. He probably built his house on or near where our house stands, and he later sold it to his son Samuel. He also built a second house for his son Ephraim where our neighbor's garage stands. We think both houses survived for many years. A drawing of the second house, known as the "Alleyne House," survives. In 1745, Capt. Isaac and Mary (Lanham) Doten bought the lot and decided to build the current house, probably to be near Plymouth Harbor. Isaac and Mary were great-grandchildren of Edward Doty, Stephen Hopkins and Francis Cooke. Captain Doten was a mariner and was elected as Constable for numerous terms, which he often tried to decline. They raised 14 children together, and all five of their adult sons fought in the Revolution.

I have researched every single owner (and renter) of the house, and I am related to eight of them! My husband David Furlow and my son-in-law and daughter-in-law are also related to previous owners. In fact, every surviving *Mayflower* passenger had descendants who lived on this lot or in this house. We think we are the first *Mayflower* descendants to live in the house in about 100 years.

Because this lot had been a part of the original Plimoth Plantation, we told archeologist David Landon from the University of Massachusetts that he could excavate our land in any manner he chose. In 2019, he and his students dug test pits in the side yard and conducted geophysical scans on the land. They had planned to return this summer, but the pandemic brought that to a halt. The land is full of artifacts, from prehistoric Native American stone knives to pottery which may have been brought on the *Mayflower*. Each layer contains items from every era. We also had the Oxford Dendrochronological Lab conduct tests of our house beams to determine the actual date the house was built. They concluded that the beams dated to the fall of 1746 and the spring of 1747. The carpenters' marks were just as clear as they were when they were made 273 years ago.

The house is a simple "hall and parlor" design with three rooms down and three rooms up. My favorite room is the "hall," which is small, but is the largest room in the house and was probably the room for important guests. It has a large warming fireplace, and one wall of wainscoting. I've scraped off layers of paint to find the original color, and it's a yellow ocher, which was very popular during this period. It is now yellow ochre again. The floors are wide-planked pumpkin pine, and they were originally painted. I found the old floor colors in a small closet behind the fireplace. The original floors were painted a medium blue, then forest green, then white! We've also found a piece of an old red and yellow ochre floor cloth and two hand-forged nails which were used to install the original windows.

The dining room, or "parlor" may have been wallpapered in 1747. Today, it has a light wallpaper which helps make it look larger. We have a picture of the *First Thanksgiving* in this room because that event was held just steps away. This room could have been a parlor, or possibly another bedroom when the house became a boarding house.

The kitchen was originally "the keeping room," where all the cooking occurred. Although it has new wainscoting, it still has its original fireplace and beehive bread oven. A previous owner remodeled the kitchen and covered the floor with slate tiles. If you lift up a floor vent, you will see six layers of floor!

The second floor is laid out just like the first. There are two bedrooms over the hall and parlor, and the room above the keeping room was used as a family room space. We can see where there were walls dividing the space up into little rooms for children or boarders. On the second floor is Captain Doten's walk where you can check to see if your ship has come in! The third floor is the old attic space, and then, as now, provides additional bedroom space for children.

We absolutely love this house and living in Plymouth. You can walk to restaurants and attend historical lectures and events almost every day. As much as I worried about owning a home so far away, we now think this has been one of the best decisions of our lives. The house, history, sea air and good friends we've made in Plymouth are just some of the things we love about it. More importantly, it feels like all our Plymouth ancestors are welcoming us back home!

22 Leyden Street

by Idaho Society Governor, Debbie Lasher Hardy

On December 9, 2019, I closed on this Colonial style home built in 1800. The parcel was formerly part of Samuel Fuller's land and given to the church of Plymouth by his wife Bridgette and son Samuel in 1664 to be used as a garden plot by the church minister. In 1673, the land between LeBaron Alley and 20 Leyden was "conditionally granted by the town" to John Cotton. The conditions were removed in 1680 and the land was conveyed to Cotton. In 1700, the land was passed down to his sons Theophilius and Josiah Cotton who conveyed the land to Return Waite in 1705. In 1725, Waite sold a portion of this lot with the Cotton parsonage to Lazarus LeBaron.

Allen Holmes was living here by 1860 until his death, and his wife Hannah continued to live here in the 1880s. In 1910, Edgar Bliss owned the property and moved to Sandwich Street by 1920. During the 1920s the house was rented out, and Annie L. Brewster, who resided at 1 Carver Street owned the property by 1932. In 1967, it was used as a guest house for the Pilgrim Society. I'm currently working with someone at the Registry of Deeds in Plymouth; hopefully I will have all owners traced back and find who had the original parcel.

I'm so grateful to Former Governor General Lea Filson for helping me find my home that is located in the Plymouth Village National Register Historic District and part of the original Plymouth colony.

As a proud *Mayflower* descendant, it means so much to be able to live where they lived, and to walk the same paths as my forefathers. My only regret is that my mother Ida Hardy, former Governor of the Idaho Society, passed away three years before I had this opportunity. She would be so proud!

My family is very excited about the home and their heritage. We have 14 lines that have been proven so far by their Grandma Ida Hardy: John Alden; Priscilla (Mullins) Alden; William Bradford; William and Alice Mullins; William, Mary and Love Brewster; John, Eleanor and Francis Billington; Richard Warren; Peter Brown and Francis Cooke.

The backyard is one of the largest lots on Leyden Street so we are also planning to have an archeological dig. David Landon, an archeologist from the University of Massachusetts, has viewed the property and is very excited to get started, however everything is on hold because of the pandemic.

The floors have the original hardwood from the early 1800s as does the beautiful curved stairway. There are four bedrooms and two baths in the home. There is an attached apartment that is a one bedroom with 1.5 bath. The bathroom has a beautiful clawfoot tub from the late 1800s or early 1900s. The attic is something that I would like to finish, because it also has beautiful views and a lot of potential. The same with the basement, it's so exciting to see all the potential in this house! I've been told that part of the cobblestone on the driveway was from an original street. My plan is to decorate using *Mayflower* and Pilgrim influence throughout.

Since purchasing the house, it has been an amazing family project! My son Gregg and his wife Kim, daughter Abigail and his sons Gage and Gavin, spent a month here in June and July. Gregg refinished some of the beautiful, original hardwood floors and carried out necessary repairs, while Gavin painted the entire interior of the house. My grandson Jonah and granddaughter Mallory, children of my daughter Marcie, were also involved in the closing. It hasn't all been work, however; we have spent hours and hours enjoying walks around the harbor and the town. What a wonderful place to spend the 4th of July!

▲ #22 Leyden Street

▲ My cobblestone driveway!

▲ House is 3rd on right looking up Leyden St.

▲ Backyard

▲ 4th of July: Debbie's son Gregg, his wife Kim, Debbie and granddaughter Abigail

▲ Lee Filson and Debbie

▲ Clawfoot tub

▲ Debbie and her grandson Jonah

▲ Stairs

▲ Debbie's grandson Gavin Lasher

▲ Dining room and Debbie's granddaughter Mallory Rae

Society Membership Awards

Each year at Congress we announce the names of the Societies who have had the largest increase in members, as well as those who have had the largest percentage increase. The Society's name and year are engraved on the bowls.

In order to give all Societies a chance, those who have previously been honored are not in the running.

The Latimer Bowl for the largest increase in annual members in each of the past three years, is awarded to: MARYLAND, 2017; KANSAS, 2018 and VERMONT, 2019.

The Greene Bowl for the highest percentage increase in annual members in each of the past three years, is awarded to: OREGON, 2017; KANSAS, 2018 and WISCONSIN, 2019.

▲ Governor General Jane Hurt with Awards Chair Virginia Mucciaccio

MEMBER SOCIETY NEWS

AUSTRALIA SOCIETY:
54th Member Society in 2020!

It has been an extraordinary year in 2020. The accomplishments of the Australia Society are by no means that of any one person; it is an exceptional group of dedicated people who have come together via the internet and brought forth its Charter through the use of the DocUsign, an application that was previously unfamiliar to most members.

This year has been all about perseverance. The Society overcame the bushfires and the Coronavirus by utilizing Skype and Zoom to conduct business meetings both in Australia and internationally. The added talents of Keith Price and his wife Sue McLean paved the way for the development of the Society's website and first official quarterly e-newsletter, which has shed more light on the Society and increased awareness of Australia.

Lastly, Charter Member Jeanne (Fuller) Harrison and her husband Colin have completed their journey back home to Australia after sailing aboard their yacht *Dakota* across the Atlantic Ocean through the Panama Canal to Tahiti and on to Australia, even through the pandemic. At some intervals they spent 34 days at sea. That's perseverance – just like our forefathers before us, 400 years ago.

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants

The Australian Society of Mayflower Descendants

▲ Australia 54th Member Society Cha

▲ Jeanne and Colin Harrison

CANADA SOCIETY:
Celebrating 40 years!

As with other Member Societies, the Canadian Society has been fortunate to have talented, dedicated officers on their Board of Assistants since its inception in 1980. We would like to highlight one of those members and thank him for his many contributions to the Society.

Robert W. White of British Columbia joined the Royal Canadian Navy under the University Naval Training Division and served in the reserve, retiring as Lieutenant-Commander after 30 years of service. He continues to serve the Naval Officers Association of B.C. as archivist, website manager and newsletter editor, and he is also the author of several books.

In 1995, Robert joined the Canadian Society through his line to William Brewster; he also has a supplemental line to John Howland.

Robert was involved in the forming of the British Columbia Colony of Mayflower Descendants in 1995. He supported the colony in those early years, served as Regent and Vice Regent, and set up the colony's website in 2003. In 2004 Robert accepted the Editorship of the Canadian Society's newsletter, *Canadian Pilgrim*, which he continued for over 10 years. In 2015, Robert was recognized with a GSMD Certificate of Commendation and Appreciation for his many years of volunteer service to the Canadian Society.

Robert has been an important part of the Canadian Society throughout its 40-year history and we appreciate his many years of support and guidance!

INDIANA SOCIETY:
Honoring Its Elders!

Indiana Society Elder Brigitt Cait acknowledged members who celebrated 90th (or more) birthdays. Greetings were sent to Ruth Marie Jones (94), Phyllis Ann Little (90), Dorothy Margaret Lordi (90), Alice Scully (90), Robert Kent Richardson (90), Margie Ann Weller (93) and Phyllis Menke (95).

Celebrating her 100th birthday was Life Member Doris Naomi Abel Lawlis (at right), a descendant of Richard Warren. Doris was born in Modoc Indiana on Aug 3, 1920. She graduated from nurses training in October 1944, and joined the Army Nurse Corps in 1945. While a nurse at the Billings General Hospital in Indianapolis, she met her future husband, Merritt (Gene) Lawlis; they were married in 1946. She finished her B.S. degree at Simmons College in Boston in June 1947, and earned an M.A. in literature at Boston University in June 1948. Later, after raising three daughters, she received a Master of Library Science from Indiana University, and worked as a librarian there for 15 years. After retiring, she and Gene traveled all around the world before finally settling down in Bloomington, where Gene passed away in 2014. Naomi is the daughter, niece and sister of Indiana Society members as well as the mother of three and aunt of two members.

KANSAS SOCIETY:
Silver Books Donated!

On Saturday, September 26, 2020, to the delight of the Kansas Society, Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt was elected as the 35th Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants since it was formed in 1897. Governor General Hurt is the first Kansas Society member and only the fifth woman to serve as Governor General. The Kansas Society is very proud of Governor General Hurt and her accomplishments and wish her the very best.

The Kansas Society was honored to have Governor General Dr. George P. Garmany, Jr. as guest speaker at its November 3, 2019 Membership Meeting. Governor General Garmany outlined the history and current projects of GSMD as well as the extensive planning for the 2020 Commemoration events. Governor General Garmany also personally welcomed each new member receiving their membership certificate and attended the Board of Assistants meeting.

Kansas Deputy Governor Lou Ann Youngblood flew to Pasadena, California, in December and volunteered to assist with the decorating of the *Voyage of Hope* Float for the 131st Rose Parade and then watched the parade in person on News Year Day 2020 as the award-winning *Voyage Hope* float, rolled down Colorado Blvd.

In May 2020, the Kansas Board of Assistants authorized the donation of 13 volumes of the *Silver Books* to the Kansas Historical Society Library. This completes the Kansas Society's 2020 project of bringing the Kansas Historical Society Library's set of *Silver Books* up-to-date. The generosity of Kansas members is evident with the donation of the *Silver Books* collection to the Kansas Historical Society Library and supports the Society's mission to educate the public about the *Mayflower* story.

The Kansas Society rescheduled its 2020 speakers, Caleb Johnson and a professional costumed role player from Plimoth Patuxet portraying Mary Brewster for our two 2021 Membership Meetings. The Kansas Society cancelled its two in-person membership meetings for 2020 with the health of its members in mind and to comply with new mass gathering requirements mandated by the State of Kansas due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Kansas Society held its Triennial election meeting virtually via Zoom on November 1, 2020. In addition to the election of officers for the 2020-2023 term, the Kansas Society marked the 400th Anniversary of the landing of the *Mayflower* in New England and the signing of the *Mayflower Compact* with greetings from Governor General Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt. Kansas member Lisa Shoemaker, a professional Tour Director and Tour Guide with an expertise in New England, presented the program ***On the Trail of the Pilgrims, Exploring Plymouth and Cape Cod.*** Kansas scholarship recipient, Emmeline Schneider read her winning essay ***Influencing an American Democracy: The Mayflower Compact.***

MINNESOTA SOCIETY: Hosting the GBOA in 2022!

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Minnesota reports 26 new members this year to date. We currently have 21 applications waiting for approval.

The Society has decided to withhold hosting member luncheons this year due to COVID-19.

The Minnesota Society is very excited to host the 2022 GBOA meeting and has started to explore planning the event.

MONTANA SOCIETY: *Silver Books* Donated!

It is an honor and pleasure to report on behalf of the members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Montana. The Montana Society has been actively engaged in pursuing the objectives of the Society and the history of the Plymouth Colony, as well as their descendants, and we extend our very best wishes on this the 400th Anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims on the shore of America.

The Montana Society holds an Annual Meeting, usually in the late summer or fall, and a Montana Board of Assistants Meeting in the month of May or June of each year. In addition to conducting the general business of the Society, the Annual Meetings have provided a forum for interesting educational programs for members and guests. Recent programs have concentrated on Plymouth Colony member biographies and have included: "Stephen Hopkins," by JoAnn Piazzola; "George Soule" by Patricia Thompson; "Degory Priest" by Iverna Huntsman; and a 400th Anniversary program titled, "Pilgrim Legacy."

In addition to the Annual Meetings, through very kind donations of our members, we have purchased in total over 247 volumes of *Mayflower Families Silver Books*. These publications are placed in public libraries throughout the State of Montana in order that prospective members may access this information. The Montana Society continues to make annual donations to the Five/Six Generation Project in memory of deceased Montana Society members.

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Montana Newsletter is published biannually, updating members on Society current meetings, new members, book-fund donations, and includes informative columns of referenced Pilgrim history. We also continue to distribute copies of the *Mayflower Compact*.

NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY: Medallions and Pins!

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in North Carolina has made changes to enable the Society to function during COVID-19 issues. We have had Zoom meetings, members are giving virtual talks, donating books, making changes to our by-laws and presenting a scholarship to a deserving graduate student. We have discontinued Life Memberships. Members have reestablished our Southeastern Colony with Paul Thompkins and Carolyn Peterson as Co-Governors. We have 24 new members, five Supplementals and two Silver supplements in NC.

The Rev. Becket Soule traveled from Canada to Raleigh in February to give four lectures: two for the OLLI program at NC State University, one for the Carolina Preserve Genealogy Group and one for the Cary DAR Chapter. We appreciate his efforts and are glad he has moved back to North Carolina.

Charlotte Colony Governor Courtney Layne has been busy reorganizing our Annual Meeting for 2021. This Colony also donates any new *Silver Books* that are published to three libraries in the area. Courtney has given two *Mayflower* talks recently on Zoom.

Sallie Bardelas, Governor of the Piedmont Colony, organized our Society meeting last November. We had a great turnout and our scholarship recipient came to share her story. Sallie has planned our shortened Society meeting in November this year.

The Central Colony Co-Governor and State Secretary Genera, Meg Averett, is on the slate for GSMD Corresponding Secretary. She has done a great job for NC and will do so for GSMD.

Karina Stephenson is interested in starting a Junior Program and will share details with the BOA soon.

The Western Colony met in November 2019 with guest speaker, Ann Sharpsteen, who spoke of her ancestor Victoria Woodhull. Ms. Woodhull was involved in the Women's Rights Movement that led to the 19th Amendment and was the first woman to run for President in the US. Judy Hughes will become the Western Colony Governor to replace Colony Governor Jill Chapman.

On September 15, 2020 Deputy Governor Jill Chapman met with NC Senator Chuck Edwards and NC Representative Jake Johnson in Hendersonville, NC. They presented a certificate from the NC House and Senate to the NC Mayflower Society in honor of the 400th commemoration of the arrival of the *Mayflower*.

Our Member Society has been busy raising funds for our scholarship program through the sale of our NC Pins and Silver Medallions. The NC Mayflower pins are for sale at $15 each. They can be purchased through Martha

D'Alessandro at mdgemjunky@gmail.com or call 919-349-9981. The Medallions are .999 Pure Silver and can be purchased in a presentation case for $85 or encapsulated case for $75. One can purchase a sterling silver bezel for $25 so it can be worn as a necklace. Contact Michael C. Keleher at mayflowerwest@charter.net or 828-772-4611.

NC Governor Steve Pike has led us the past three years with a new member handbook, a new website, a FB page and sound financial guidance. We appreciate his leadership and dedication to the North Carolina Society.

OHIO SOCIETY:
Governor General Signs 1618 Great Book!

The Western Reserve and Cleveland Colonies collaborated for a "Great Book" signing that took place at the Western Reserve Historical Society in their secured Rare Book Room.

The book – a translation of the New Testament by a group of English Catholic clergy, seminarians and exiles in 1582 – was printed at the press in Choir Alley in Leyden, Holland in 1618 by William Brewster. This copy bears the bookplate for the library of Christ's College, Cambridge and was acquired by the late John C. Pearson of Cleveland, a well-known book collector and member of the Cleveland Colony. In the 1940s, Pearson conceived the idea of having all Governors General sign the book. He acquired the first signatures at a triennial gathering during the 1960s. He then donated the book to the Western Reserve Historical Society with the condition that all Governors General would be entitled to add their signatures at the front of the book.

Making the most of his trip to Ohio, (then Governor General) Dr. George Garmany used the following two days to share his program about New England Captives during the French and Indian Wars that affected *Mayflower* descendants with the Cleveland and Western Reserve Colonies.

Dr. George Garmany with members Terri Brown, Bob Coltrin and Larry Hoyt.

SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY:
Book Club via Zoom!

The 2019 Compact Day Luncheon was held Saturday, November 16, 2019, at The Harbor Club in Charleston, South Carolina. Dr. Jon Bernard Marcoux, Director of Historic Preservation Graduate Programs at Clemson University and College of Charleston was the keynote speaker. Dr. Marcoux spoke with us about early colonial interactions between Native Americans and the European Colonists and was enjoyed by all.

Like everyone, the South Carolina Member Society has been navigating a new virtual world in light of the COVID pandemic of 2020. But that hasn't slowed down our membership! Forty-nine new members were added to our *Mayflower* family in the last 12 months. Numerous requests for membership inquiries have continued throughout the year. The Spring Luncheon was scheduled for April 2020 with Governor General George P. Garmany as our guest. Due to travel restrictions and quarantine, an in-person meeting was not possible. South Carolina was able to hold our first ever "Tele-Mayflower" SMDSC General Meeting. Members joined via computer to enjoy Governor General Garmany speaking with us from Denver, Colorado.

With the leadership and hard work of our Corresponding Secretary, Melana Maxie, an updated 2020 SMDSC Membership Directory was published with the option of printed and/or digital copies. Education Assistant, Kristen French organized and lead the first SMDSC Book Cub via Zoom. The Book Club read *THIS LAND IS THEIR LAND: The Wampanoag Indians, Plymouth Colony, and the Troubled History of Thanksgiving* by David J. Silverman. SMDSC sponsored the South Carolina National History Day Program to add to our Mayflower Educational Outreach as well as continuing our annual SMDSC Mayflower Scholarship Essay contest for Middle School, High School, and College/Career School or Graduate School students.

South Carolina continues to adjust plans for our in-person 2020 Fall Compact Day Luncheon to a virtual event. A new slate of Member Society officers will be installed during our virtual meeting.

RHODE ISLAND

In celebration of the August 10th arrival of the *Mayflower II* in Plymouth Harbor, the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations held a socially-distant dinner on August 10, 2020 in Middletown, RI.

WYOMING SOCIETY:
Float in Cody Stampede Parade!

The Society was pleased to enter a float in the July 4th 2020 Cody Stampede Parade, and the state of Wyoming came through with an exception to hold the parade and rodeo even though Coronavirus is abroad throughout the land. This is the Wyoming Society's 65th anniversary, having been chartered May 17, 1955.

The Society thanks Garnet and Dave Jolley for donating use of their pickup truck and trailer for the float. The Holmes Family, Orton Family and Governor Elwood M. Porter III rode on the trailer for the parade route. Spectators lined both sides of the street to watch the parade, and many clapped their hands as the Society was announced, giving the float a warm reception. Parade publicity was priceless. The Society reached more people in the crowd, many of whom were out of state tourists, in two hours, than newspaper publicity ever could provide.

2020 GSMD Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the 2020 General Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship Winners!

1st Place ($4,250): Maggie Rose Davidson, El Lago, Texas

Maggie R. Davidson is a Drum Major and Latin Club President from Clear Falls High School, League City, Texas. She was named a Regeneron Science Talent Search National Finalist and volunteered at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. She will major in Genetics and Genomics at Northwestern University. Maggie is a descendant of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins.

2nd Place ($3,750): Madison Grogan, Fountain Valley, California

Madison Grogan is the 2020 California Junior Ambassador for the Mayflower Society. Her float design was the basis for the GSMD Rose Parade float last January, and she was a featured rider on the float. She will be attending Babson College on a full-tuition merit scholarship to pursue a degree in Business Administration and Management. Her ancestors are John Alden, William Mullins and Priscilla Mullins.

2nd Place ($3,750): Claire Madsen, Granby, Connecticut

Claire Madsen of North Granby, CT will be attending Colgate University in Hamilton, New York. She intends to major in Sociology with an emphasis on Peace and Conflict Studies. Claire devotes her free time to advocating for food justice, cooking and sharing meals with family and friends. Claire's ancestors are Edward Fuller, his unnamed wife and their son Samuel.

3rd Place ($3,250): Jack Patterson, North Charleston, South Carolina

Jack Patterson recently graduated from Academic Magnet High School in Charleston, South Carolina. After undergoing two ACL surgeries as a result of playing varsity football and lacrosse, he was inspired to pursue medicine as a career path. Jack will be attending Clemson University, where he will start a pre-med Health Sciences program. Jack's ancestors are William Brewster and Love Brewster.

Mary Chilton Winslow Scholarship ($3,000): Guy Lanier, Sugar Land, Texas

Guy Lanier is a 2020 honors graduate from George Ranch High School. Guy played lacrosse and was a DECA state finalist. He will be attending Baylor University, where he plans to major in Mechanical Engineering. Guy is a descendant of Stephen Hopkins.

The *Mayflower II* Returns!

by Andrew R. Whipple

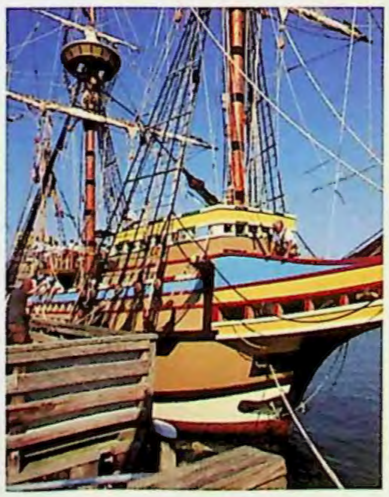
The *Mayflower II* finally returned to Plymouth, Massachusetts. She is home! After a journey from Mystic, Connecticut, filled with much fanfare, the historic vessel returned to her home port on August 10th.

The journey from Mystic to Plymouth had unexpected schedule changes due to COVID-19 and a passing tropical storm; but arrive she did. Just as the original *Mayflower* landed in Plymouth after challenging times, the *Mayflower II*, 400 years later, landed in Plymouth despite difficult circumstances. Through it all, both ships safely arrived in Plymouth!

After a multi-million-dollar three-year restoration process at Mystic Seaport Museum's, Henry B. duPont Preservation Shipyard, the *Mayflower II*, a treasured national icon, was successfully restored and was made ready to sail on July 20th. The incredible restoration process was led by Whit Perry, Plimoth Plantation's Director of Maritime Preservation and Operations. He was assisted by a capable team.

Working from Mystic Seaport, the restoration process replaced almost 70 percent of the 60-year-old ship. Restoring the ship was a challenging process using both modern and 17th century methods of ship building.

The ship was originally built in Brixham, England between 1955 and 1957 and presented by Warwick Charlton to the American people in thanks for their help during World War II. The *Mayflower II* was designed by William Avery Baker and great detail went into keeping her design faithful to the original ship.



During a year when so many 400th anniversary events were canceled, postponed, or transformed into virtual events, it was both refreshing and thrilling to see this iconic vessel sail along the New England coastline returning to her home berth to celebrate this important year.

The *Mayflower II* was crewed by 27 skilled individuals on this voyage and captained by Whit Perry. This was truly a sail of a lifetime for the captain and crew.

As the ship left Mystic, many spectators lined the Mystic River as the *Mayflower II* was towed to New London, Connecticut. In New London, the ship and her crew performed two weeks of important sea trials before embarking on their voyage to Plymouth.

She made her way northward towards Plymouth, stopping in New Bedford for an unexpected stay because of Tropical Storm Isaias. Onward she went, being towed through the Cape Cod Canal and into Cape Cod Bay as large crowds along the waterfront watched the impressive vessel make the final leg of the trip home. The ship's captain reported that the *Mayflower II* performed well underway and her crew did a fantastic job sailing the replica of the *Mayflower*.

During this difficult year, the return of *Mayflower II* is a powerful symbol of courage and freedom. As she rests in her berth at Plymouth Harbor, awaiting the arrival of visitors, she reminds us of the value of perseverance, honors the souls who were willing to risk all for religious freedom, and, finally, she encourages all of us, but especially we the descendants of the original *Mayflower* passengers, to have a spirit of trust and hope in the future.

Andrew Raybold Whipple is a member of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Mayflower Societies. In addition to his John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley roots, he descends from 14 other *Mayflower* passengers. He is not only a regular contributor to the *MQM*, but he will take over the editorship with the spring 2021 issue.

Mayflower Matrilineal Descendants Unite!

by Louise Walsh Throop

Did you know that the all-female lineages of *Mayflower* passengers are woefully under-represented? If a passenger did have a daughter who survived to marry, that daughter did not always have daughters who also survived–only one factor in determining any such all-female lineages.

If you are a descendant with an all-female lineage back to the *Mayflower*, please do three things:

1. Identify yourself in an email to lwthroop@aol.com with a brief outline of your complete lineage as known to you. You may also want to contact or copy Susan Abanor at susanabanor@gmail.com who is administrator of the GSMD FTDNA project.

2. Seriously consider, if you have not already done so, submitting your matrilineal lineage application to your Member Society Historian of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants

3. You may want to send in a mitochondrial DNA [mtDNA] test kit to this DNA testing company: FamilyTreeDNA (FTDNA). The GSMD *Mayflower Project* housed with FTDNA has a section for test results from men and women who have approved all-female lineages with mtDNA results grouped under the heading of "mtDNA." Some little inclusions in human cells are called mitochondria. They are only passed down by a mother to her children.

In a recent project to identify living persons with all-female descent from William Brewster or George Soule, all four persons located had no idea they had a *Mayflower* lineage! This ignorance is common and due to the fact that surnames change with each generation in an all-female lineage.

Recently a new all-female lineage from William and Mary Brewster was approved through daughter Patience. The mtDNA test result, a first for the Mayflower mtDNA project, was I4a, a relatively rare haplogroup and found in England, Scotland and occasionally in Finnisterre, France. Hopefully, some of the mtDNA matches to this result will turn out to be lineages from William and Mary Brewster. What a surprise for a person matching the Mary Brewster mtDNA!

This newly approved all-female lineage going back to William and Mary Brewster has its documented beginning in the recently printed *Mayflower Families through Five Generations Silver Books* volume 24 part 3, being descended from daughter Patience[2] Brewster. This newly approved lineage comes through one of nine sisters in the 6th generation! Patience is the only Brewster daughter with female descendants in subsequent generations. As a general rule, if a generation includes three or more sisters, the probability is greatly increased that an all-female lineage can be determined down in time to a living person – who can be either a male or a female.

A study of the first six generations given in the well-documented *MF* 24(3) yields the following possible beginnings of all-female lineages in the Brewster descendancy. Working from the lineages in *MF* 24(3), in the 6th generation there are 63 opportunities for any all-female lineage down to the present. The surnames in this generation are: Rose, Clifton, Bumpus, Muxham, Washburn, Wetherel, Mayo, Hopkins, Nickerson, Freeman, Knowles, Snow, Cook, Bacon, Jenkins, Pepper, Cobb, and Coleman – all generally from the early 1700s in Barnstable County, Massachusetts. Remember: the surname changes in a matrilineal lineage with each generation. If you do go back to one of these surnames, you just might be a Brewster descendant! And perhaps you also have an all-female lineage!

Some *Mayflower* passengers did not have daughters who in turn had daughters. They include Bradford, E. Fuller, S. Fuller, Standish, White and Winslow. Descendants cannot be tested for mtDNA of the wife of the *Mayflower* ancestor.

Only about half of the qualifying families listed on the following page have mtDNA test results [given below in bolded square brackets]. Please volunteer for testing if you have an all-female lineage to any of the 17 following passenger families, or if you test your mtDNA and the haplogroup is 14a and you have one of these names in your all female lineage.

The results so far fall into six haplogroups, or genetic families. The H haplogroup, fondly known as 'Helena' by some researchers, is the predominant female ancestral group in Europe. It is seen in four of nine results from the following 17 identified families.

The following *Mayflower* passengers are known to have had daughters who in turn had daughters. Matrilineal

lineages from these *Mayflower* passengers will each include one of the following daughters' names:

1. **[H6a1a9]** Alden: Elizabeth,[2] Sarah,[2] Ruth,[2] Rebecca[2] [see *MD* 66(1):29 for one descendancy]
2. **[W5a2]** Allerton: Remember,[2] Mary[2]
3. Billington (through son Francis): Martha,[3] Mary,[3] Mercy[3]
4. Brown: Rebecca[2]
5. **[I4a]** Brewster: Patience[2]
6. **[T2b]** Chilton: Isabella,[2] Mary[2]
7. **[J1c2]** Cooke: Jane,[2] Mary[2]
8. Doty: Desire[2]
9. Eaton: Rachel[2](?)
10. **[V]** Hopkins: Constance,[2] Deborah,[2] Damaris[2]
11. **H1a1]** Howland: Desire,[2] Hope,[2] Elizabeth,[2] Lydia,[2] Hannah,[2] Ruth[2]
12. More: Susannah[2]
13. Priest: Mary[2]
14. Rogers (through son Joseph): Elizabeth,[3] Mary,[3] Hannah[3]
15. Samson: Elizabeth,[2] Hannah,[2]? Dorcas[2]
16. **[H1g1]** Soule: Susannah,[2] Mary,[2] Patience[2]
17. **[H1j]** Warren: Mary[2], Anna,[2] Sarah,[2] Elizabeth,[2] Abigail[2]

With the exception of Billington, Samson and Rogers, the *Mayflower* families with three or more named daughters in the second generation have already yielded mtDNA test results. It is this author's observation that three or more female siblings are needed to provide a record of at least another generation of daughters. It should be relatively easy to find living test subjects from the remaining untested families: Billington, Samson and Rogers. The more test subjects, the more accurate the results will become. Further analysis of the known daughters and their all-female descending lineages may disqualify more passengers from the possibility of achieving a mtDNA result, especially in those five families with only one or two above-named daughters. The daughters listed above have already been screened for having their own daughter(s).

Billington, Rogers and Samson matrilineal descendants, please show a lineage through one of the three daughters in the second generation! A mtDNA test can then be done!

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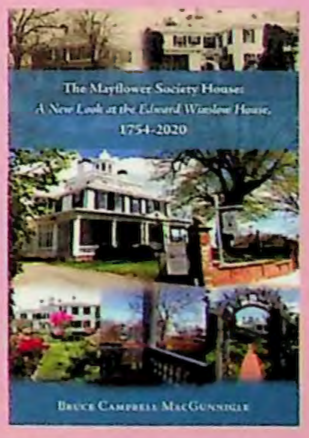
In Time For Christmas: New Book in 2020!

***The Mayflower Society House: A New Look at the Edward Winslow House, 1754-2020,* by Bruce Campbell MacGunnigle. (Susan E. Roser, ed., Plymouth, 2020)**

Former Governor General Bruce MacGunnigle takes afresh look at the history of the Mayflower Society House in Plymouth. His detailed research into land records resulted in a history of those who owned the land and the house in the past 266 years, with the transcripts of 29 deeds included. Of particular interest are the 1782 deeds which describe each room of the house. We learn about the owners – the Winslows, the Briggs, the Jacksons and the Willoughbys.

The WWII years when the Red Cross occupied the house are covered with fascinating articles from the *Old Colony Memorial*. There is a 1946 letter dictated to Lucia Briggs by her mother, Mary Briggs, in which she relates her memories when she lived in the house. We hear from the architect, Joseph Everett Chandler, in his own words, and much, much more.

The highlights of the book are, of course, the photos, 38 pictures and images, showcasing the house at various stages in the past, both exterior and interior.



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John Lothropp's Times That Were So Full of Questions[1]

by J. Michel Marcoux

An Atlantic-sailing ship with the former London minister John Lothropp aboard anchored at Boston in 1634, fourteen years after the *Mayflower* voyage. For the next two decades Lothropp gathered (founded) Christian churches in Plymouth Colony that were largely separate from the Church of England.

Lothropp's earlier life had prepared him to pastor in the New World. His abilities had been shaped by university education in England, and then had been exercised by his experiences leading large church congregations near to and in London. He had confronted church order controversies of the day, including the qualification of ministers independent of English government consent and the proper administration of baptism, the gateway sacrament for Christians. Perhaps as notable, Lothropp had persevered at great personal cost through assiduous church and state investigation and imprisonment on religious grounds without trimming the sails of his faith convictions. He had walked the walk of a reformist, or godly, church leader in early seventeenth-century England.

I. Little or no daylight between church and state.

The year after gaining the English throne, the first Stuart king, James I (1603-25), convened a Hampton Court Palace conference after receiving petitions from English clerics bent on ecclesiastical reform. However, like his Tudor predecessors, James valued his royal authority highly. Rather than cracking open a window for a gust of reform, he insisted to his bishops and some assembled moderate reformist ministers that any parity between the prelates of his established church and presbyterian or other extremist ministers (who saw little if any need for bishops) would be incompatible with James' own "Supremacie," aphorizing: "No bishop, no king."[2] That fusion of the established church with the state and the resulting persecution of dissenters from such a worldview eventually helped to prompt the *Mayflower* crossing by which Pilgrim religious refugees, seeking complete separation from the established church, placed an ocean between themselves and further attention from the authorities.[3]

Until the English Civil War of the 1640s, James's son Charles I (1625-49) maintained that absolute identification of church and state. Far less prudent than even his father, Charles regarded the episcopal, or bishop-led, established church and his own royal authority as "two sides of the same coin" according to church historian David Hall.[4] With the Pilgrims available as a model, Charles's views and actions precipitated, among other things, additional escapes from England by greater numbers of religious refugees.

Governor John Winthrop had navigated his fleet to Massachusetts Bay in 1630 intending to profess a purified Church of England ecclesiology (science of church forms and traditions) short of full separation from the established church. Several years later, Winthrop carefully memorialized John Lothropp's arrival at Boston as one of two "godly ministers" aboard the *Griffin*.[5] Within days Lothropp traveled to the Scituate settlement in Plymouth Colony, where he became a founding member and the first clergyman of that church.[6] Five years later, he led his congregation farther south in the Colony, moving with them to Barnstable on Cape Cod.[7]

Later acclaimed as a person of "deep piety, great zeal and large ability" and appreciated as an important figure in the puritan movement,[8] Lothropp and his family and accompanying members of his former London congregation were accepted promptly and likely wholeheartedly welcomed in Plymouth Colony. Trained at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, then taking holy orders, and after years working for churches near London, including in the county of Kent, Lothropp had renounced his Church of England ordination.[9] Next, he had moved his family into London, attracted by the innovative previous work there of reformist pastor Henry Jacob and perhaps recruited by that Jacob church congregation.

An influential church reformer, Jacob had been one of the petitioners for the Hampton Court conference. Murray Tolmie and other church historians explain that Jacob was conversant with, if not entirely convinced by, more completely separatist thinking, having discussed reform during a decade of exile in Holland (at Leiden) with, among others, Pilgrim pastor John Robinson and Pilgrim elder William Brewster.[10] Transforming aspiration into the practice of a "living Congregationalism," Jacob eventually had founded an illegal church on the south bank of the Thames: *"[o]ften called 'semiseparatist' by contemporaries, [Jacob's] Southwark church acknowledged no episcopal authority but did not require its members to repudiate the Church of England...,"* thinking a true church simply to be a local, covenanted congregation.[11] After his discussions with Jacob, Pilgrim pastor Robinson had come to agree with Jacob's position on the acceptability of some amount of engagement with non-separatist churches short of sharing the sacraments, *e.g.*, by listening to their sermons and joining in their prayers.[12]

Lothropp succeeded Jacob at the Southwark, London congregation. Pilgrim pastor Robinson's earlier willingness to accept elements of Jacob's semi-separatist thinking may be understood to have prefigured in a modest way the Pilgrim leadership's willingness two decades later to support Lothropp's initial gathering of his congregation at Scituate. Also, by the time of his Plymouth arrival, Lothropp presumably had achieved something of a heroic notoriety among English reformers for his fortitude during years of imprisonment at the hands of King Charles' religious inquisitors.

During Lothropp's nineteen years' ministry in Plymouth (1634-53), the Colony Governors were William Bradford, Thomas Prence, and Edward Winslow, each of whom outlived him. Pilgrim pastor Robinson had died in 1625. Pilgrim elder William Brewster died in 1644, which also was the year Lothropp's tract on baptism was printed (noted in section vii here). Baptism and the eucharist were the two pre-eminent (and only scripturally designated) sacraments in Lothropp's and the Pilgrims' mental world, where "religion shaped their perception of all around them" and a "boundary between the spiritual and the material did not exist."[13] Except in 1841, Lothropp's baptism writing apparently has not been evaluated.

II. Yorkshire youth before Oxford and Cambridge.

Lothropp's birthplace was the village of Etton, found in Yorkshire's East Riding and lying in its own shallow dale east of York and north of Hull and the Humber River estuary. A setting hugely different from Lothropp's future life in urban central London and from his Atlantic voyage to Plymouth Colony as a fugitive-at-law, Etton remains a place of gentle, rolling hills and winding country lanes suitable for roadside picnics.

▲ Saint Mary's Church, Etton, Yorkshire, baptismal font

Lothropp was baptized at Saint Mary's Church in Etton, with earlier family generations having lived nearby.[14] Beyond a semi-circular Norman doorway arch dating from about 1150, the church's baptismal font upper bowls rest on a lower, shallow bowl thought to be the only surviving remnant of an original twelfth century font and may have been used for Lothropp's baptism.[15] Commemorating his Plymouth Colony years, an interior wall plaque reads: "To The Memory of Revd John Lothropp Baptised in Etton Church 20 December 1584 Pastor at Scituate and Barnstable Plymouth Colony Massachusetts 1634-1653 Buried at Barnstable 8 November 1653 Qui Transtulit Sustinet," or He Who Transplanted Still Sustains.[16]

Lothropp was the second of two sons whom his parents Thomas and Mary (Howell) Lothropp sent to university, very probably with a view to his afterwards taking holy orders. As professor Jonathan Holmes recounts, Lothropp's older brother Thomas preceded him at Queens' College, Cambridge, graduating in 1605 to become the rector at Dengie, an Essex village where Thomas died in 1629.[17] John Lothropp first matriculated at Christ Church, Oxford, on October 15, 1602, as a "pleb." (plebeian or commoner).[18] Holmes writes that Lothropp "seems soon to have transferred to Queens', attracted no doubt by the presence of his brother but also perhaps by the growing reputation of Queens'

▲ Queens' College, Cambridge, Cloister Court and President's Lodge

as a college sympathetic to those of a more Puritan disposition."[19] Receiving financial help as a sizar at Queens' like his brother, Lothropp took a B.A. in 1606, was ordained as a Church of England deacon at Lincoln Cathedral, Lincolnshire, on December 20, 1607, and received a M.A. in 1609.[20]

Those university years were eventful ones in the wider world. In London alone, that period saw the 1603 death of Elizabeth I and accession of James I; the 1604 Hampton Court conference that commissioned teams of Cambridge, London and Oxford scholars to produce what became known as the King James bible; and the foiled 1605 Gunpowder Treason Plot by provincial English Catholics to kill the King and members of Parliament at Westminster. In Nottinghamshire about 1607, religious separatists Robinson, Brewster and Bradford began their attempts to cross the English Channel to Holland, seeking, as did separatists from elsewhere in England, to escape Jacobean official hostility to their reformist beliefs.[21]

Holmes tells how Cambridge undergraduate study at that time, until superseded by mathematics, science and other modern coursework, was based loosely on the medieval *trivium* (grammar, rhetoric, logic) and *quadrivium* (arithmetic, music, geometry, astronomy), and not on precise training for holy orders.[22] Attempts to name individual teachers or other specifically religious influences on Lothropp at Queens' would amount to guesswork. Yet, Lothropp's years at Queens' were a time of orthodox, comparatively moderate puritanism that was personified in the career of John Preston, Queens' B.A. (1607-08), M.A. (1611),[23] who became a Fellow and Dean during Humphrey Tyndall's several decades (1579-1614) as Queens' President.

In the early seventeenth century, Preston was a leading light of the Puritan movement in Cambridge and by 1622 he had become Master of Emmanuel College, which was founded in 1584 to train puritan preachers.[24] If orthodoxy may be understood as religious principles or doctrines formally endorsed by synods and state churches, or as closely related ethical assumptions, then Preston can be described as an English minister who discussed and contested orthodoxy while yet estimating himself to remain within its contours.[25] Preston could have influenced Lothropp with at least one idea that Lothropp later in so many words would state to the Bishop of London's face, *i.e.*, Preston taught that "we that preach the Gospel are Messengers sent from the Father."[26] Contrasting the "moderation of a Preston" with those ministers entirely separating from the established church, historian Hall observes that Preston still bluntly conceived what a godly minister needed for authority: a concept of vocation differentiating the ministerial "office from all other versions of rank in a society," emphasized by a rule that only ordained pastors could administer the sacraments of baptism and holy communion.[27] In the early 1630s, Lothropp would pronounce his own godly ministerial qualification independent of government consent to the ecclesiastical Court of High Commission, which then imprisoned him. Such thinking also supported Lothropp's 1644 published views on a reformist minister's essential authority in a baptism.

During Tyndall's presidency "[i]n the 1590s, with [the then] extremism contained, the university had been relatively peaceful, dominated by orthodox Calvinist Protestants," and Queens' was "impeccably orthodox, and produced several future Puritan lecturers in the early 17th century."[28] In later years, at least five other Cambridge Colleges provided more alumni emigrants to New England than did Queens', and to the extent those data may indicate depth of puritan feeling, Queens' could be thought to have been "only moderately Puritan."[29]

III. Church of England alpha and omega.

Lothropp's earliest clerical assignments reportedly included serving as Curate at Bennington in Hertfordshire, and at Little Chart, southeast of London in Kent, about 1609-10.[30] Through ability, connection, luck, or by their combination, he then moved to Saint Mary's Church in nearby Egerton, Kent, where he became

▲ Saint Mary's (later St. James) Church, Egerton, Kent

▲ London 1574 map, including Southwark south of the Thames

Perpetual Curate on a church site first used in the late eleventh century.[31] Lothropp married Hannah House, daughter of Reverend John House, at her father's nearby parish church, Saint Mary's, Eastwell, Kent, in October 1610.[32] Their eight children were born in Kent, with baptismal records surviving for seven of them: Thomas, Joseph and Benjamin at Eastwell, and Jane, Anne, John and Barbara at Egerton (with no record extant for Samuel).[33] During Lothropp's Egerton years (about 1614-1624), Henry Jacob returned to London from his Leiden exile and the Pilgrims pondered their future course and eventually left for the New World.

Professor Holmes comments that a group of Egerton villagers, led by one John Fenner, dissented from and renounced the Church of England.[34] Historian Tolmie agrees that Lothropp "may have left behind him at Egerton the rudimentary organization of a separatist church led by John Fenner."[35] In one biographer's view, during those years of Jacobean government efforts to suppress puritanism, Lothropp worked at Egerton only while he could continue to approve of the established church's more ornate and ceremonious high church ritual and government, but at last he could bear them no longer.[36] Influenced by such separatist sentiment or for other reasons (*e.g.*, perhaps aware of or recruited to opportunities in the London epicenter of reform), Lothropp determined to leave the Church of England, resigned his curacy, and renounced his ordination. In 1624, at age forty, he moved to London with his family to join the semi-separatist, independent church founded by Henry Jacob, which Jacob had left two years before. Chosen the next year as their pastor, the prospect of serving that metropolitan Southwark congregation with compassion surely was a call for which Lothropp had been listening.

IV. Following Henry Jacob.

Born in 1563 about three years before Pilgrim elder William Brewster, Jacob also was about a dozen years older than Pilgrim pastor John Robinson. Acquainted with more complete separatism from his Leiden talks with Robinson and Brewster starting in 1610, Jacob emphasized congregational independence that John Lothropp later would espouse to the Court of High Commission, *i.e.*, that non-parochial, non-territorial, voluntarily gathered churches, through Christ's kingly office as the immediate head of each such congregation, were truly visible as actually professing Christians on their own, serving "to liberate the gathered church from its subordination to the magistrate's [royal Stuart] consent for its very existence."[37] Tolmie paints the Jacob church as a "fully developed and completely autonomous rival to the [Church of England] parish churches" on behalf of which Jacob also sought to acknowledge faith in a Christian magistrate [King James], avoiding extreme notions of church and state separation.[38]

Jacob believed that only the individual congregation could form a true visible church and that even a Church of England parish congregation was a complete church in which parishioner consent was required for officer election or for excommunication.[39] Without success, he had petitioned King James that his congregation might assemble as a non-parochial, gathered church "under the royal supremacy alongside the [Church of England] parish congregations and in communion with them;" nevertheless he also thought it "still implicit that these gathered churches would exist in default of a more fundamental reformation of the parish congregations."[40]

The gathered Jacob church lacked regular physical meeting space. Instead, as what became the "most successful of all separate churches in England before the [mid-seventeenth-century puritan] revolution," the congregation met by rotation at members' houses, away from each individual congregant's Church of England parish church (with which one had to affiliate) on the model later known as Independent.[41] Jacob found complete separatism "unacceptable, believing that it was wrong to separate from people who 'in simplicity' partook of corrupt traditions but who were 'true Christians nevertheless.' "[42] For example, Jacob church intercommunion with London's Church of England parish churches afforded a Jacob church member the discretion to take a newborn child for baptism to his Church of England parish minister, thus "escaping detection as a separatist conventicler" at Jacob's church.[43]

However, King James's authorities thought congregations like Jacob's were "as separatist, schismatic, and illegal as any Brownist [Cambridge graduate Robert Browne was a separatist in his ministry until 1585] conventicle [then a purportedly illegal religious meeting]."[44] Sharing the persecutory danger facing earlier, more separatist congregations, Jacob's semi-separatist church escaped to a degree the

separatists' isolation from the main body of puritans within the established church; Jacob's church competed, along with separatist and Baptist congregations, with the territorial Church of England parish churches.[45] Known to history as the Jacob-Lothropp-[third pastor Henry] Jessey church, Tolmie concludes that it stood at the center of a new, complex nonconformist wave, bursting the bounds of puritan orthodoxy years before the mid-seventeenth-century puritan revolution.[46]

By 1619, as *Mayflower* Pilgrims planned their Atlantic voyage, some more traditional members of Jacob's church began turning against some more separatist members whom the traditionalists worried could affect institutions like the family adversely, threatening social order.[47] That intramural conflict made Jacob's position difficult and continued after he secured his formal dismissal from his church and departed in 1622 for Virginia, dying there two years later, probably at Jamestown.[48]

Jacob's London achievement set the stage for the considerable pastoral work of John Lothropp's maturity. Succeeding Jacob in 1625, Lothropp stabilized the Southwark church by adhering to his predecessor's "latitudinarian [ecclesiastically forgiving] policy."[49] The harmony evaporated quickly. Externally, the 1626 promotion of William Laud as King Charles's most strict church advisor caused some separatist puritans to join the Jacob-Lothropp church in London, strengthening such tendencies there, and others eventually to decamp for the New World, e.g., for Massachusetts Bay, the major New England puritan colony.[50] Internally, in 1630 a Jacob-Lothropp church member's child was baptized in a Church of England parish church and, despite congregational reconciliation efforts "for peace sake," that baptismal contact with the established church so angered the separatist faction that they eventually withdrew from the Southwark congregation as the incident metastasized into that church's first major division since its 1616 founding.[51] And, greater jeopardy loomed.

▲ Queens' College, Cambridge, Old Court library and original chapel

V. Refusing the oath *ex officio*

Serving as Archbishop of Canterbury until his 1633 death, and as a member of the Reformed establishment in church historian Diarmaid MacCulloch's estimation,[52] George Abbott plaintively articulated frustration with Lothropp and other keepers of conventicles in May 1632:

[Y]ou shew yourselves most unthankfull to God, to the King & to the Church of England [when you] in private unlawfullie assemble yourselves togeather, making rentes & divisions in the Church: If anie thing be amisse, let it be knowen, if any thing be not agreeable to the word of God, we shalbe as readie to redresse it as you, but whereas it is nothing but your owne imaginations, & you are unlearned men that seeke to make up a religion of your owne heades! I doubt noe perswasion will serve the turne.[53]

The established church authorities veered into pure persecution of reformists when William Laud controlled the fulsome Carolinian policy to exclude puritan influences (e.g.,"[o]utward conformity must be enforced as the only way to unity of spirit") and even to prefer "rapprochement" with the Church of Rome at home and abroad.[54]

Appointed Bishop of London in 1628 and succeeding Abbott as Archbishop of Canterbury in 1633, Laud was the most highly promoted among the ascendant Church of England clerics who, from early days in Charles's reign, "extolled the sacraments [and] the ceremonies... as the 'external' means of divine grace," with many of them adhering to an English form of Arminianism that rejected Calvinist predestinarian thinking.[55] Laud had no concern to inspire popular enthusiasm for the innovations he foisted on a "horrified" Church of England as its senior figures were redefined as puritans merely for disagreeing with such an Arminianism, while "[u]nmistakable Puritans were treated worse," including "savage Star Chamber punishments."[56] Laud has been characterized as an "ecclesiastical disciplinarian possessed of demonic energy and burning with zeal to rid the land of its dissidents."[57]

Laud's men captured Lothropp and about forty-two church members on Sunday, April 29, 1632, at brewer's clerk Humphrey Barnet's house in London's Blackfriars neighborhood.[58] After appearances before the Court of High Commission, some of the congregation were committed to the Bishops Prison (then called the New Prison), some to the Clink, and some to the Gate House, with most of them incarcerated for about eighteen months, but with Lothropp, as a leader, for a longer time.[59] When compared to the Court of Star Chamber, one writer declares that the Court of High Commission, although it was a court:

of more modern institution, drew many more cases...and was less merciful in its proceedings...[which amounted to] a series of unconstitutional and illegal cruelties,--refusing a copy of the charges, insisting on the oath ex-officio...It is sad to reflect that a large proportion of the sufferers were the conscientious hard-working clergy of England, and the chief inquisitors were Bishops of our Church.[60]

Contrived in early seventeenth-century England, the oath *ex officio* invoked by the Court of High Commission was a religious avowal mandatory for one's testimony that required the oath-taker, unlike procedures in ordinary English courts, to answer all questions truthfully with no protective right against self-incrimination or to face fines and imprisonment, *i.e.*, the person "had to choose between admitting something illegal or breaking an oath."[61] Lothropp's refusal to take the oath gave the presiding episcopal authorities pretext to justify his imprisonment, during which years his wife Hannah House Lothropp worked to parent their children, took ill, and died.

Records survive of Lothropp's replies to questions posed by his Church of England bishop judges. As the Court of High Commission investigated the number of "desperatlie hereticall" conventiclers and after Laud had moved to proceed against the "ablest men of them" to "answere for all," the Court's May 3, 1632, case reports detail Lothropp's testimony that as a minister of Christ's gospel he was qualified by the Lord and his refusal to take the oath *ex officio*:

Then came in Mr. Latropp, who is asked what authority he had to preach and keepe this Conventicle? and saith THE BISHOP OF LONDON [Laud], "How manie woemen sate crosse legged upon the bedd, whilest you sate on one side and preached and prayed most devoutlie? LATROPPE, "I keep noe such evill companie, they were not such woemen." LONDON: "Are you a Minister?" ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY [Abbott], "Are you a Minister?" BISHOP OF St. DAVID'S [Theophilus Feild], "Were not you Doctor [John] King the Bishop of London's Sizer in Oxford? I take it you were; and you shew your thankfullnes by this." He answered that he was a Minister. LONDON: "How and by whom qualified? Where are your orders?" LATROPP. "I am a Minister of the gospell of Christ, and the Lord hath qualified me." "Will you lay your hand on the booke, and take your oath?" saith the Court. He refuseth the oath.[62]

Five days later, on May 8, 1632, before the Court of High Commission "at the Consistory in Paules" [the Bishop of London's consistory court apparently convened at Saint Paul's Cathedral], Lothropp appeared once more, proclaimed his innocence, and again refused to take the oath *ex officio*. The Bishops ordered ("away with him") that he be "kept in straight custodie, especialle":

LONDON [Laud]. "Mr. Latroppe, hath the Lord qualified you? What authority; what orders have you? the Lord hath qualified you; Is that a sufficient answere? You must give a better answere before you and I part." LATROPP. "I doe not know that I have done any thing which might cause me justly to be brought before the judgement seat of man: and for this oath I doe not know the nature of it." KING'S ADVOCATE [Thomas Ryves]. "The manner of the oath is that you shall answere to that you are accused of, for schisme." YORK [Richard Neile] and LONDON. "If he will not take his oath, away with him." LATROPP. "I desire that other passage may be remembred; I dare not take this oath." Wherefore the Court ordered that they should be kept in straight custodie, especialle Latropp, for the BISHOP OF LONDON said he had more to answere then he knew of.[63]

Lothropp's imprisonment extended through 1632 and 1633. Governor Bradford's nephew Nathaniel Morton later wrote: "He procured liberty of the Bishop to visit his wife before her death....At his return to prison, his poor children, being many, repaired to the Bishop to Lambeth, and made known unto him their miserable condition..."[64]

Other Court of High Commission State Papers disclose that Lothropp was freed on bail but eventually was declared a fugitive: *April 24, 1634.* "John Lathropp—Enlarged on bond to appear in Trinity Term, and not to be present at any private conventicles;"[65] *June 12, 1634.* As a result of his failure to appear, "John Lathrop, of Lambeth Marsh. Bond to be certified and he attached if he appear not on the next court day;" *June 19* and *October 9, 1634.* Lothropp's fugitive status was confirmed when his bond was "ordered to be certified, and he to be attached for non-appearance;" *February 19, 1635.* Lothropp was cited "[f]or contempt in not appearing to answer articles touching [his] keeping conventicles. [His bond was again] "ordered to be certified, and [he] attached and committed."[66] In the summer of 1634, at age fifty, after successfully petitioning for relief from his London church responsibilities, Lothropp had left England aboard the *Griffin* with his children and about thirty-two members of his congregation bound for Plymouth Colony (during the ocean voyage hot candle sparks or tallow drippings destroyed several pages in Lothropp's bible, which text he later rewrote "from memory" on each page).[67]

Hall comments that by the time the *Griffin* left London the Jacob-Lothropp church at Southwark had become a "site of free-floating speculation about ministerial authority and other aspects of church order, with infant baptism favored by some and rejected by others."[68] Jacob had led the Southwark church for seven years (1616-22) and Lothropp for ten (1625-34). Historian B. R. White credits their semi-separatist achievements as

follows: "[t]hrough such men as these the fundamentals of Church polity, developed in the light of the... earlier Separatist congregations, were to be mediated [reconciled] to a host of congregations of a similar type which were to be founded on either side of the Atlantic in the years which followed."[69]

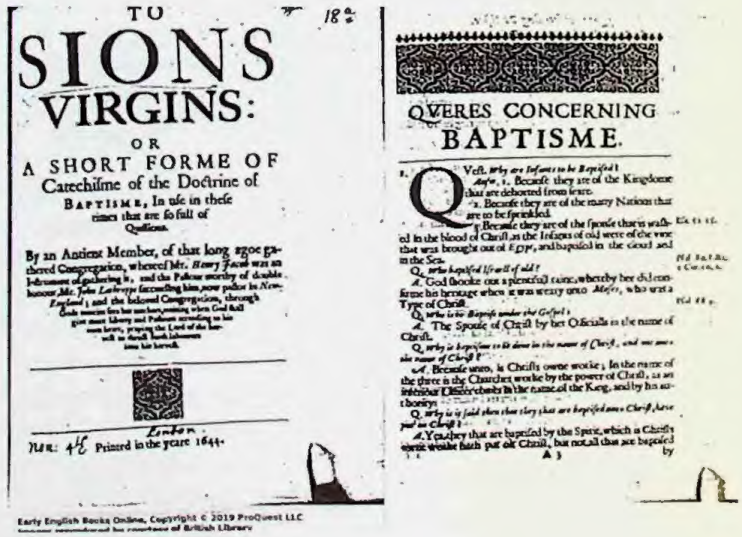
VI. Church records and letters.

Massachusetts Bay Governor Winthrop reflected on Lothropp's previous London ordeal thus: "for the same [Lothropp] kept long time in prison, (upon refusal of the oath ex-officio,)" noting that on arrival Lothropp scrupulously did not "partake" with the Boston puritan congregation "because he was not then in order, (being dismissed from his former congregation,) and he thought it not fit to be suddenly admitted into any other, for example sake,...[in a few days Lothropp] went to Scituate, being desired to be their pastor."[70]

Accurate copies of Lothropp's records survive from the earliest years at Scituate and Barnstable. His hand-written entries eventually were found and first copied by Yale College President Ezra Stiles. In 1769 Stiles asserted that Lothropp's written records were unique due to the dearth of other such original early church history writings "till many years after their gathering, particularly tho' the chh. of Scituate was gathered January 8, 1635."[71] Lothropp's records indicate his September 27, 1634, Scituate arrival, followed quickly by Plymouth Colony's November 23, 1634, dismissal of members at Plymouth so they could join Lothropp's congregation: "Breathren of Situate that were members at Plimoth were dismissed from their membershipp, in case they joyned in a body att Situate."[72] Lothropp records that others arrived to join the congregation from, *e.g.*, "Watertowne... Plimoth... London... Hingham... Boston... Duxbury..."[73]

Lothropp's most extensive church record data identify those who were "Situate Baptized" and those baptized "[s]ince our Comeing to Barnstable, Octob. 11, 1639," including people from "Duxberry...Watertowne... Yarmouth [several, including a member of a "Separated Church in Old England"]...[those] borne at Situate... Plimoth."[74] Lothropp married his second wife Ann about 1635,[75] and he records the baptisms of four of their seven children: baptisms for Barnabas at Scituate, and for Abigail, Bathshua and John at Barnstable; also "[m]y child a daughter [was] buryed unbaptized" at Scituate (1638) and a "man childe of John Lothropp dyeing immediately after it was borne [was] buryed" at Barnstable (1650), with a fourth daughter, Elizabeth, born about 1643.[76]

After leaving the established church in Egerton, Lothropp had sought more than once to reconcile controversies over baptism, including those he faced both in 1630 at Southwark and eight years later at Scituate. Historian Samuel Deane notes that the "mode of baptism was a subject which had shaken and divided [Lothropp's] Church before he left England," and that the Scituate congregation "troubles" were "chiefly... their dissensions on the subject of baptism," including a "mode of immersion," which numerous individuals other than Lothropp "eagerly adopted."[77] With baptism questions and other issues like land allocation agitating the Scituate church, Lothropp wrote to Plymouth Governor Thomas Prence, while cautiously not naming exact grievances (probably to skirt intensified controversy), asking to remove his people south along the Cape Cod Bay coast to Mattakeese, which became known as Barnstable (his October 8, 1638, letter: As to the "pointe of removeall [to Barnstable]....in divers weighty considerations, some, if not all of which, are well known bothe to yourselfe, and to others with you.... Now we stand stedfast in our resolution to remove our tents and pitch elsewhere...").[78] The move helped to ameliorate the situation, at least for Lothropp's group. The church organized formally at Barnstable on October 31, 1639, with the fifty miles distance from Scituate inhibiting continued congregational interactions about the baptismal "difference of opinion," which simmered on at Scituate until 1654.[79]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▲ Lothropp 1644 tract, 1st and 4th pages

VII. Baptism tract

As the sacrament by which formal Christian life begins, baptism was a consequential event for early seventeenth-century English church reformers.[80] Consistent with the apostle Peter's Pentecostal guarantee that baptism provides the Holy Spirit as a prodigiously valuable gift, Lothropp's tract prioritized baptism and the eucharist as "two seales [inviolable tokens or pledges] under the Gospel" that are "of one nature, but washing [baptism] makes us capeable of

eating [eucharist]."[81] With humility as the watchword, the baptismal gift of the Holy Spirit thus saturates human creatures with their Creator's divine "work" or will.[82] Professor Bremer observes that for puritans "the almighty God was unknowable [and]....Those striving to understand God and his will could only know [imperfectly] that which God revealed [and] the most important source of understanding God was what was revealed in the scriptures."[83] As a pre-modern, non-secular, puritan thinker, such appreciation of the gift of the Holy Spirit came more presumptively to Lothropp as he viewed the initiatory Christian sacrament "in these times that are so full of Questions."

Lothropp's writing on baptism may have added some moderating leaven to early Plymouth Colony godly breadmaking. The title page first identified its author as a former Jacob church congregant (*i.e.*, as an "Antient Member, of that long agoe gathered [Southwark] Congregation, whereof Mr. Henry Jacob was an Instrument of gathering it, and the Pastour worthy of double honour [for gathering and pastoring]") and then also as "Mr. John Lathroppe...now pastor in New England." Lothropp felicitously would have estimated lessened risk of renewed persecution. That is, by 1644 he perhaps felt that his official tormentors of a dozen years before were otherwise preoccupied, e.g., Archbishop Laud and King Charles were beheaded in 1645 and 1649, respectively.

Printed as a ten-page tractate pamphlet in London,[84] Lothropp's question-and-answer, Short Forme of Catechisme of the Doctrine of Baptisme, Queres [Queries] *Concerning Baptisme*, set out two related matters. He discussed *who* can be baptized by favoring infant and child baptism instead of reserving the sacrament only for adult believers. He also addressed *how* people may be baptized by criticizing the adult-only, self-immersion urged by Anabaptists, which Lothropp argued was inconsistent with the need to have the sacrament imposed by a godly minister. Except for Benjamin Hanbury's 1841 report on Lothropp's "argumentation[s]" "divested of their catechetical form,"[85] his thinking appears to have gone unremarked by other writers.

Lothropp addressed his pamphlet "To Sions [Zion's] Virgins," thus indicating infants and children because "Baptisme declares Infants to be virgins."[86] Relying on the Old and New Testaments, he approved non-adult baptism on several grounds.[87] Infants and children are of the heavenly "Kingdome" and are "dehorted [dissuaded] from feare." Also, they help comprise the "many Nations" from which God will cleanse all idols (Isa. 52:15). And, infants and children are of the church that is "washed in the blood of Christ" and are, as infants were of old, "of the vine that was brought out of Egypt, and baptised [into Moses] in the cloud and in the Sea" (1 Cor. 10: 1-2; Ps. 80: 8). Lothropp's fruitful marriages with Hannah in England and Ann in Plymouth produced many children. Under foot every passing day as fearless inhabitants of the heavenly kingdom, young Lothropps could not have been far from their father's heart and mind.

Moreover, some clerics argued that baptism "had to be by immersion," including plunging infants into "frigid New England waters."[88] Indeed, about 1610 Henry Jacob had touched on baptismal form by reportedly following a preference in the Church of England Book of Common Prayer when he affirmed baptismal "Dipping" (immersion) despite the fact that "sprinkling" (non-immersion) was becoming universal in England about that time.[89] In reply, Lothropp's pamphlet emphasized the godly minister's role as the church's representative (one of "her Officialls in the name of Christ") and opposed any baptism absent ministerial participation as contradicting church "forme" because it is "the Churches worke by the power of Christ," and the church minister "is to dip his hand and to powre [pour] cleane water, sprinkle and wash the sinner, and so it is fully baptised."[90] He declined to take a more relaxed view that ordained leaders are simply usual and appropriate baptists, except in emergencies when others can act. Lothropp believed ministerial imposition to be vital. Without it, a baptism is not fully accomplished. Because "wee must see Christ in the imployment of the Officer [minister] and use of the water, powring, sprinkling, washing, there must bee a dipper dipping his hand," Lothropp energetically opposed Anabaptists who "goe into the water themselves, and come out themselves" believing as they so acted that their adult-only, self-immersions invalidated any other access to God's grace and "was the only authentic Christian initiation, with infant baptism signifying nothing."[91]

VIII. Across the centuries

Written about someone else, these words also help bring Lothropp into focus:

His insights arose from his faith, which gave him a remarkable capacity to see the world through a biblical lens; from his intellectual life, through which he understood what he had seen; and from his pastoral experience, which helped him grasp the effects of what he saw and heard in people's lives.[92]

Lothropp died at Barnstable in his sixty-ninth year. Morton characterized him as "lively in dispensation of the word of God, studious of peace, furnished with godly contentment, willing to spend and to be spent for the cause and church of Christ."[93]

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The Allerton Copy of the Ainsworth Psalter Brought to the New World Aboard the *Mayflower* in 1620 – Part 1

by David P. Russo

According to the State Library of Virginia, sometime before 1888 this book was advertised for sale in London. An anonymous person purchased the book and sent it to the Virginia State Library presumably due to the inscription that places the book in "Virginia." This book is Henry Ainsworth's *Annotations Upon the Booke of the Psalmes* published in 1617. This is a second edition printing; the first was in 1612. The book is in pristine condition, its leather-bond covers have a beautiful pressed design and the inner pages look almost new, not 400 years old. The straps of the metal clasps are missing. The book measures 8 ½ inches by 6 ¼ inches. It is actually two related books bound together. The first book is Ainsworth's translations of each psalm followed by his annotation of that psalm. The second book, although without a preface, contains each psalm set to music for use in worship. The printer was Giles Thorpe, a Deacon in Ainsworth's church in Amsterdam.

There are two inscriptions, one by Giles Heale and a second by Mary Heale. A subsequent owner of the book, Da: Williams writes his name on three pages of this volume. The inscription on the front flyleaf is written by Giles Heale and notes that this volume was presented to him, the *Mayflower's* chirurgion (surgeon) by Isaac Allerton on tenth of February, 1620 in Virginia.

◀ Inscription on the frontpiece

▼ Reverse of the inscription/title page

▲ The inscription reads: This Booke Was given unto me Giles Heale Chirurgion by Isacke Allerton Taile[r] in Virginia the X of February in the Yeare of Our Lorde 1620

Obviously, certain elements of this inscription need explanation. The *Mayflower* didn't set sail to the New World until September 6, 1620, however with old style dating, we know the presentment occurred on February 10, 1620/21, and they did believe that they were sailing to what they considered was Virginia. This gift was presumably in return for the medical care Isaac's wife, Mary (Norris) Allerton received following the stillborn death of a son on December 22, 1620 until her death nearly two months later on February 25, 1620/1.

In documenting Bradford's accounts, Prince records:

February 21. Die Master William White, Master William Mullens; with two more. And the 25th dies Mary, the wife of Mr. Isaac Allerton. This month Seventeen of our number die.[1]

And in three months past, die Half our Company. The greatest part in the depth of winter, wanting houses and other comforts; being infected with the scurvy and other diseases which their long voyage and unaccommodate condition bring upon them. So as there die sometimes two or three a day. Of one hundred persons, scarce 50 remain. The living scarce able to bury the dead; the well not sufficient to tend the sick: there being in their time of greatest distress but six or seven who spare no pains to help them . . . The like disease fell also among the sailors; so as almost Half their company also die, before they sail.[2]

The tremendous loss of life of the Pilgrims during the winter of 1620-1621 from the "general illness" included: six deaths in December, eight deaths in January, 17 deaths in February, and 13 deaths in March. The health care of the passengers and crew would have involved around the clock attention. During this time of overwhelming loss, Heale would have cared for nearly 70 people who died including not only the *Mayflower* passengers but half of the *Mayflower's* crew.

In regards to the date, the discrepancy involves the method of dating in the 17th century. At the time of the Pilgrims the Julian calendar was in use in Great Britain and its colonies. The Gregorian calendar introduced by Pope Gregory in 1582 was adopted by the Catholic countries at that time and not by the Protestant countries until 1752. In the former, the year began on the March 1st, the latter on January 1st. The difference in the two calendars arose when a mistake was realized in the Julian calendar that added in extra leap years resulting in incorrect dates. In England, it was not until the *Calendar Act of 1750* changed the beginning of the year to January 1st and went into effect Wednesday, September 2, 1752.[3]

Isaac Allerton was probably born at East Bergholt, Suffolk about 1587 and "belonged to the same recusant community as *Mayflower* passenger Elizabeth (Barker) Winslow."[4] In 1655 he testified in New Amsterdam as being from Suffolk.[5] Leslie Mahler presented the *Court Minutes of the Blacksmiths of London* that declare that in 1609 "Isaac Allerton, son of Bartholomew Allerton late of Ipswich, county Suffolk, tailor has bound himself apprentice by indenture to James Glyn citizen and blacksmith."[6] Mahler points out the Isaac-Bartholomew name connection as well as Bartholomew being a tailor points to a connection to this Isaac Allerton. Of interest is that Isaac Allerton's son Bartholomew returned to Suffolk county and settled there as a minster.

Isaac Allerton immigrated to Amsterdam and was made a freeman of Leiden, Holland on February 7, 1614; only he, Degory Priest and Governor William Bradford were accorded this honor. Allerton married Mary Norris of Newbury, England on November 4, 1611 in Leiden. In his list of *Mayflower* passengers Bradford includes "Mr. Isaac Allerton and Mary his wife, with three children, Bartholomew, Remember, and Mary. And a servant boy John Hooke."[7] Allerton was the fifth signer of the *Mayflower Compact* on November 11, 1620.

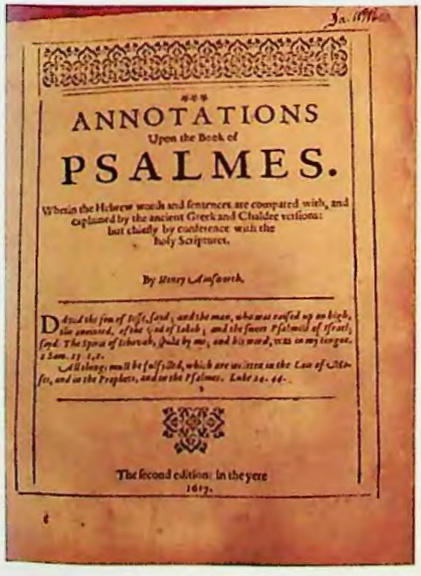
After the death of Governor John Carver in 1621, William Bradford was elected as the colony's new governor and Allerton was chosen as his assistant governor. Allerton subsequently made five voyages to England on behalf of the colony's business. While in England, Allerton negotiated "the leveraged buyout that won Plymouth's economic autonomy."[8] Isaac first settled in what is now the town of Kingston, MA on the bank of the Jones River in the north of Plymouth Harbor.

He married for the second time Fear Brewster, daughter of Elder William Brewster around 1626 and had two children, Sarah and Isaac, Jr. Fear died about 1634 in the great illness that swept through the colony at that time.

Allerton founded the fishing outpost in Marblehead, trading outposts on the Kennebunk and Penobscot Rivers in Maine, and his later trading activities ranged from Machias, Maine to Barbados and Curaçao.

Allerton owned land in Virginia, New Amsterdam and New Haven. He was "elected by the common people of New Netherland to serve on the *Acht Man*, or Eight Man Board of Manhattan, he led a legal rebellion against Willem Kieft, a cowardly and corrupt West India Company governor. Isaac Allerton was the second signer of the October 28, 1644, *Remonstrance of the Eight Men of Manhattan*, the first petition demanding the right of self-government for settlers in any Dutch colony."[9] Allerton eventually remarried a third time to Johanna Swinnerton and settled in New Haven where he died in 1659. The *Rensselaerwijck Papers* further state:

Allerton had many identities. He was an influential Mayflower pilgrim, who lived in North America from 1620 until he died in 1659. In those thirty-nine years, Allerton established a trade network that encompassed at least eight colonies in North America and the Caribbean and extended across the Atlantic to Europe. He owned property in five North American colonies, and he lived in four different colonies; moreover, he held public office in Plymouth Colony and in New Netherland. Allerton traded in furs, tobacco, food stuffs, credit, favors, and information. Allerton emphasized different identities. His trading vessels, for instance, traveled sometimes as English and sometimes as Dutch, depending on who controlled the territory through which he traveled. Alternating his cultural identities and political allegiances enabled Allerton to play off English, Dutch, and Swedish rivalries to his own advantage.


ANNOTATIONS
Upon the Book of
PSALMES.
Wherein the Hebrew words and sentences are compared with, and explained by the ancient Greek and Chaldee versions: but chiefly by conference with the holy Scriptures.
By Henry Ainsworth.
The second edition: in the yeare 1617.

Allerton had the ability to operate according to the demands of different cultural settings more or less simultaneously.

Henry Ainsworth's: Annotations Upon the Booke of Psalmes, Wherein the Hebrew Words and Sentences are Compared with, and Explained by the Ancient Greek and Chaldee Versions: but Chiefly by Conference with the Holy Scriptures, 1617.

He often was appointed as an official arbitrator of disputes, and he continued to be exceptionally adept at pursuing his own interest. Allerton mixed his identity as an Atlantic world merchant with that of a seasoned negotiator, diplomat-at-large—acting in one venue for New Netherland, in another for New Haven and New England interests. As such, he was extremely useful in resolving conflicts between parties of different cultures, especially conflicts that heightened tensions between colonies.

Allerton put forward his own influence and reputation as a means of diffusing cross-cultural and political tensions. He was able to do so, because he had an established reputation and was trusted in both communities. New England colonists knew that Allerton understood English culture and New England political and economic concerns, and New Netherland colonists knew that Allerton understood Dutch culture and New Netherland political and economic concerns. He continued to mix the roles of merchant and ambassador, working to diffuse intercolonial tensions in order to keep the lines of trade open.[10]

Allerton's political and business dealings are very well known. As for his religious life we are able to glean a number of facts. Coming from the County of Suffolk in particular, he would have been keenly aware of the extreme religious persecution that went on in the vicinity of his home for the previous five decades, as well as throughout all of England. It is quite possible that he was a descendant of Ralph Allerton, a Marian martyr who was burned at the stake on 18 September 1557.[11]

We do know that at about 23 years old Allerton left England for Holland in1609, and joined the Separatist congregation in Amsterdam and later Pastor John Robinson's church in Leyden. What would cause a young man from a small village who recently began his apprenticeship in the city of London to leave for Holland? It would seem most probable that Allerton felt

THE BOOK OF PSALMES:
or Hymnes.

▲ Psalm 1 with Annotations

THE PSALMES
in Meter.

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The Martudom of Ralph Allerton, James Austoo, Margery Austoo & Richard Roth at Islington. Print made by Thomas Bowles II, The British Museum.

the atmosphere of religious intolerance around him. There certainly was a sense of religious rebelliousness in his soul – enough to leave his country and move to a foreign land.

Allerton joined the Leyden church, married Mary Norris and along with his very young family and pregnant wife ventured out to the wilderness of the New World. He was an important leader of the Pilgrims where politics and religion were so intertwined. Allerton would have been an active religious participant in both Leyden and Plymouth.

In 1628, on one of his many voyages to England on behalf of Plymouth, Allerton decided to bring back with him a minister. Bradford writes that it was "without the churches sending" and regrettably they found him "crazed in the brain." (that is, the minister)[12]

His second wife (about 1626) was Fear Brewster, daughter of Elder William Brewster, the spiritual leader of the Pilgrims. Allerton's son Bartholomew returned to England and served as a pastor in Bramfield, Suffolk. His daughter Mary married Thomas Cushman, the successor of William Brewster as Elder of the Plymouth church. Thomas' father, Robert Cushman helped arrange for the *Mayflower* voyage. He was author of *The Cry of a Stone,* that justified the Pilgrims' separation from the Church of England.[13] Robert arrived in Plymouth in the Fortune in the fall of 1621 and preached the first sermon ever printed from the colony, "The Sin and Danger of Self-Love." Allerton and his 3rd wife, Johanna (Swinnerton) were assigned pews in the New Haven Meeting House on 10 March 1647. Finally, we know Allerton carried with him on the *Mayflower* voyage a copy of Henry Ainsworth psalter and gifted that book to Giles Heale, surgeon aboard the *Mayflower.*

Giles Heale and the Allerton copy of the Ainsworth Psalter.

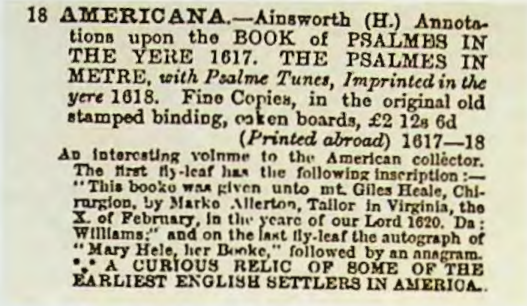
It was at the Prerogative Court of Probate of the Archbishop of Canterbury at Somerset House in London that the second half of this story unfolds. In 1883 the New England Historic Genealogical Society sought to make an "exhaustive search of English Records" as concerned the family history of the early settlers of this country. Selected for this mission was "eminent antiquary" Henry Fitz Gilbert Waters (1833-1913). Waters left for England on May 5th and in one year examined over 600 wills related to America. It was at the Prerogative Court of Probate of the Archbishop of Canterbury at Somerset House in London that Waters made the particularly exciting discovery of *Mayflower* passenger William Mullins' will.[14]

This was an oral or "nuncupative" will dated April 2, 1621 and made known by Mullins who had died at Plymouth on February 21, 1620/1. This document is historically important on a number of fronts. First, it was the first known will made in New England; second, it was transported back to England for execution; third, it has the only known signature of John Carver on a document; fourth, it definitively identified the *Mayflower's* Captain as "Christopher" Jones (Bradford had only identified him by his surname) thus, positively connecting him to the already known part-owner of the *Mayflower;* and fifth, it left us with a previously unknown name of Giles Heale.

Waters reported that he recognized Carver and Jones' names and interestingly took no account of the name of Giles Heale. As a signatory to Mullin's will, Heale had to be present in Plymouth at Mullin's death. He certainly is not listed as a member of the Pilgrim congregation, thus leaving him as a member of the *Mayflower's* crew. How is it that a heretofore unknown crew member ends up signing the same document as the colony's governor and the ship's captain on the will of one of the more prominent members of these faithful? Bradford never mentions a Giles Heale in any of his writings. Heale does not appear in *Mourt's Relation* or Nathaniel Morton's history of the early colony, *New England's Memorial,* and until 1883 when Waters uncovered Mullen's will there appears no mention of this person. Then in 1888 Henry Morton Dexter wrote to George Ernest Bowman of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants:[15]

I had not noticed until this evening the will of William Mullins among Mr. Water's invaluable contribution, the name Giles Heale among the three signers struck me as having a familiar sound, and on examination I find the following note upon a copy of Henry Ainsworth's Psalms of the edition 1617, viz: "This book was given unto Mr. Giles Heale, Chirurgeon, by Marke Allerton, Tailor in Virginia, the X of February in the year of our Lord, 1620. Da: Williams" . . . . That memorandum . . . .is a clipping pasted in my copy by some former owner extracted from a catalogue advertising the copy which did contain it.[16]

Interestingly, in today's U.S. dollars the sale of this book as advertised (£2 12s 6d) would be approximately $400. Quite the deal for such an historical book!



18 **AMERICANA.**—Ainsworth (H.) Annotations upon the BOOK of PSALMES IN THE YERE 1617. THE PSALMES IN METRE, *with Psalme Tunes, Imprinted in the yere* 1618. Fine Copies, in the original old stamped binding, oaken boards, £2 12s 6d
(*Printed abroad*) 1617—18
An interesting volume to the American collector. The first fly-leaf has the following inscription:—"This booke was given unto mt. Giles Heale, Chirurgion, by Marke Allerton, Tailor in Virginia, the X. of February, in the yeare of our Lord 1620. Da: Williams;" and on the last fly-leaf the autograph of "Mary Hele, her Booke," followed by an anagram. *** A CURIOUS RELIC OF SOME OF THE EARLIEST ENGLISH SETTLERS IN AMERICA.

▲ Dexter's "clipping" (found in his copy of Ainsworth's book) of the advertisement of theAllerton copy of the Ainsworth Book of Psalms by Edwin Parsons and Sons Booksellersof London in the 1880's.[16]

In a second letter to Mr. John Ward Dean, of July 31, 1889, Dexter wrote how he agreed with Bowman that the name "Marke" Allerton actually referred to that of "Isacke" Allerton and this implied Heale was in Plymouth. Dexter read a paper regarding the Mullin's will at the Massachusetts Historical Society on October 10, 1889 which was subsequently printed in the Society's Proceedings, 1889-1890. And Bowman adds this" probably is the first mention in print (except in the bookseller's catalogue) of this gift by Isaac Allerton to Giles Heale on February 10, 1620/21. Bowman gave credit to Dexter and Dean for "discovering and publishing" that this witness to William Mullins will, this heretofore unknown Giles Heale, was in fact the surgeon on the *Mayflower*.

At the February 1889 meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society[17] Dexter read a short paper where he reported on the discovery by Henry Waters of the Mullin's will that was attested by John Carver, Christopher Jones and a Giles Heale. In his address that evening, Dexter asked of the name Giles Heale, "Who was he?" Dexter then related as he had in his earlier letter to Bowman that in his own copy of the *Ainsworth Psalter* there was a "clipping from some antiquarian bookseller's catalogue" with the description of an *Ainsworth Psalter* with the inscription:

This booke was given unto Mr. Giles Heale, Chirugion, by Marke Allerton, Tailor in Virginia, the X. of February, in the year of our Lord 1620: Da. Williams.

He claimed that the reference as to "Marke Allerton" was a misreading of the name "Isaac Allerton" (from the handwritten inscription) and Dexter continues: "Giles Heale was a *chirurgeon*, and I submit was the surgeon of the *Mayflower*."

Dexter suggested that according to the advertisement of the bookseller that it appears that the inscription was "witnessed" by a Da. Williams. He speculates that the "Da" that the persons first name is Davis and that "Williams" was an abbreviation for "Williamson" who acted as the Merchant Adventurer's business agent onboard the *Mayflower*. It must be noted that Dexter had only the copy of the clipping of the advertisement to comment on and had not seen the actual psalter in the Virginia Library which offers more information as to "Da. Williams." A further discussion of the identity of "Da. Williams" will follow.

It should be noted here that the two references in these documents about "Virginia," first, in William Mullin's will, and second, Heale's inscription of his gift from Allerton in addition that in the *Mayflower Compact* of November 11, 1620, the Pilgrims, "Having undertaken for the Glory of God and advancement of the Christian Faith and Honour of our King and Country, a Voyage to plant the First Colony in the Northern Parts of Virginia;" and third, Heale's inscription of his gift from Allerton as having taken place in "Virginia" all recounts that in the early 17th century most of the East coast of the United States was referred to as "Virginia." Thus, these three references to "Virginia," indicate the Pilgrims settlement at Plymouth.

In 1927, Colonel Charles Edward Banks reported on the Mullins' will to the Massachusetts Historical Society in the 1926-1927 *Proceedings*[18] in which he discusses Waters' discovery of a registered copy of the will and the subsequent discovery of the original document in the records of the Probate records of the Archdeaconry of Surrey where Mullins children resided.

Banks continues his address with a history of Giles Heale. Banks references the earlier article on the Ainsworth Psalter by Henry Dexter. Comparing the 1621 signature on the Ainsworth Psalter with the April 1652 signature on the will of Giles Heale, chirurgeon, of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, Col. Banks was able to determine that this was the same person. In the records of the London Barber Surgeons, Banks found the 1619 apprenticeship of Giles Heale to Edward Blaney and was admitted to the freedom of the company on August 3, 1619, as Banks notes, "exactly one year prior to the sailing of the *Mayflower*." Banks explains that it was required to have a medical person as one of the ship's company. He quotes Captain John Smith's, *Accidence for Young Seaman* (1626):

The Chirurgeon is exempted from all duty but to attend to the sicke and cure the wounded; and good care would be had that he have a Certificate from the Barber-Surgeons Hall for his sufficiency, and also that his [medical] Chest bee well furnished both foe Physicke and Chirurgery, as so near as may be proper for the clime you go for, which neglect hath beene a losse of many a mans life.[19]

Banks suggests that Heale may have been employed by Thomas Weston of the parish of St. Giles-in-the-fields. Weston was a Merchant Adventurer who helped finance

the *Mayflower* voyage. Heale returned to England on the return trip of the *Mayflower* in April of 1621. His name appears in a Subsidy role of 1641, taxed as "Geiles Heale Surgian in Dury Lane." In 1651 he signed a petition of Freemen of the Guild of Companies of London. Banks points out that is significant, that Drury Lane is in the same parish as St. Giles-in-the-fields (that of Thomas Weston). On April 4, 1652, Giles Heale, chirurgeon, "being infirme and weake of Bodie" made his last will and testament naming his wife Mary his "sole Executrix." He was buried on February 3, 1652/53.

Bowman also discussed that learning of the witnesses of William Mullin's will was also instrumental in learning the full name of the captain of the *Mayflower,* previously only named by Bradford as "Mr. Jones," as Christopher Jones.[20]

Bowman relates how he next went to the Yale library where Dexter had donated his copy of the Annotation's upon his death in 1890 to examine the clipping that Dexter had referenced. Here he discovered the label Dexter had referred to that listed the bookseller of Edwin Parsons & Sons of London. Bowman wrote to them inquiring as to any information in the matter of the purchaser of this book. He was told that those sales records did not exist. [A search by this author revealed that the Edwin Parsons & Sons Booksellers ceased to exist sometime in the 1950's].

It is not clear as to how Bowman learned of the Allerton copy of the Ainsworth Psalter – the book that was carried on the *Mayflower* on its historic voyage in 1620, in possession of the Virginia State Library. Was Bowman directed by the booksellers to the Commonwealth of Virginia? If as Bowman reports, upon contact with the booksellers that they kept no records of sales for that time, how would they have known about the buyer and his intention to send it to the United States

▲ Mary Heale. On the endpiece of this Ainsworth Psalter is the inscription by Giles Heale's wife:
Mary Hele
Her Booke
Exe G H M Testes
February the xxiiii in the yeare of our lord
1621

nearly 50 years earlier? Nevertheless, in 1936 George Ernest Bowman (1860-1941) visited the Virginia State Library to examine the Allerton/Heale copy of the Ainsworth Psalter and recognized it as *A Genuine Mayflower Relic.*[21]

Here on the last page of this Psalter, Mary Heale (Hele) inscribes that it is (now) her book with her name and her (and perhaps her husband's) initials and monogram:

H G M

She writes the date of February 24th in the year of our Lord 1621(O.S.) In the 17th century the notation: *Exe Testes* would have referred to *witness.* According to *Black's Law Dictionary,* "teste" is of Latin origin and refers to "I myself being a witness" and evidences the act of witnessing and often includes a date as does Mary in her inscription.[22]

Mary Heale's endpiece inscription is an appropriate "bookend" to her husband's inscription on the frontpiece and leaves a fitting tribute to the great importance of this psalter for the Heale family. The next clue to the ownership of this Psalter is that of Da: Williamson.

Mr. Williamson the Overseer of the William Mullins will and **Da: Williams** of the Allerton/Heale Psalter are two characters in this drama whose identities are yet to be discovered and curiously have similar names. "Mr. Williamson" was named by William Mullins as an "overseer" of his will along with John Carver. With family both in Plymouth and in England it would make sense for Carver to "oversee" Mullins' family's financial interest in Plymouth and Williamson who would soon be leaving for England on the *Mayflower's* return trip, would serve as "overseer" for Mullins' remaining family in England.

In *A Relation or Journal of the Proceedings of the Plantation Settled at Plymouth in New England,*[23] Edward Winslow writes: "...Captain Standish and Master Williamson met the king [Massasoit] at the brook, with half a dozen musketeers. They saluted him and he them..."

Could this be the same Mr. Williamson? Both roles, as overseer of Mullin's will and ambassador to Chief Massasoit would certainly fit the role of the Merchant Adventurer's financial and diplomatic representative onboard the *Mayflower.*

The second person is that of "Da: Williams" whose signature appears on three pages of the Allerton copy of the Ainsworth Psalter, below Heales' inscription on the book's front flyleaf; at the top of the title page; and on the end flyleaf below Mary Heale's inscription. It is quite unlikely that "Williamson" and "Da: Williams" is

This Booke was given vnto
Mr Giles Heale Chirurgion
by Mr Hake of Allerton Com:
in Virginia the X. of
Feburary in the yeare of our
1620
Da: Wi

PSALMS CXLVIII. CXLIX. CL.

PSALMS 148.

PSALMS 149.

PSALMS 150.

Imprinted in the yeare,
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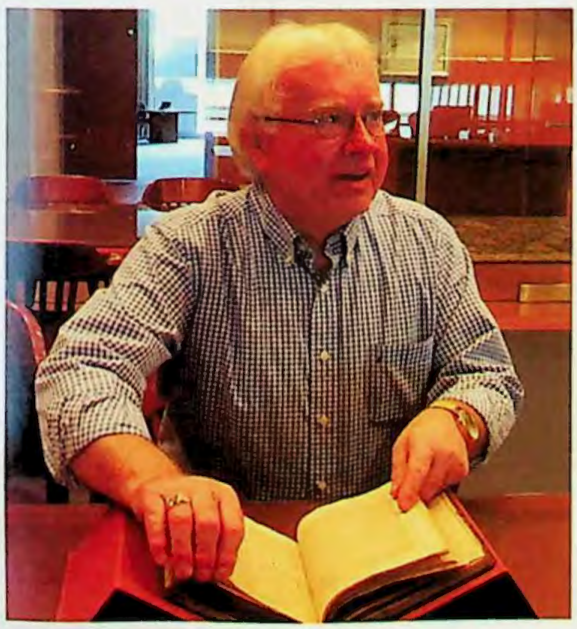
▲ The Last Page of the ANNOTATIONS: PSALMES IN METRE Dated 1618



▲ The author examining the Isaac Allerton copy of the *Annotations Upon the Booke of Psalmes*, Library of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia

the same person as Williamson would have been an adult at the time of Mullins will in 1621 while Da: Williams inscribed this psalter three times using "Da: Williams," including the date of March 26, 1701. The difference in the date of the will (suggesting Williamson was born in the later quarter of the 16th century) and that of Da: Williams inscription suggests he would have been born in the middle of the 17th century implies an age difference of nearly a hundred years.

There is no record of this books' ownership between Da: Williams in 1701 and when it appeared in the catalogue of Edwin Parsons & Sons Booksellers in the 1880's.

The Psalter next surfaces at the State Library of Virginia, purchased by an anonymous buyer in London and donated to the Commonwealth of Virginia, presumably due to the reference to "Virginia" in Giles Heale's inscription. When Bowman inspected this book, in Virginia, the Ainsworth Psalter was incorrectly labeled:

Colonial relic. This book was presented to Dr Giles Heal of Va.in 1620–only 13 years after the settlement of the Colony [a reference to Jamestown[24]] –and has remained within the limits of the present state since.

Unfortunately, the library did not keep track of the extraordinary person who recognized the historical significance of this Ainsworth Psalter (although, not exactly the full extent of its history) and so graciously purchased this book in London and donated to the Virginia State Library – thus preserving a small piece of the Pilgrim faith life, a small piece of Pilgrim history, and a remarkable tribute to the *Mayflower's* surgeon who we now know served the Pilgrims so well under the most unmerciful conditions that saw half the passengers and crew become ill and die in a matter of a few months as they struggled to settle in their promised land.

Time line on the discovery of the Isaac Allerton copy of the *Annotations Upon the Booke of Psalmes*

- **1883:** Henry Waters sent to England to examine probate records, discovers William Mullins' will with Giles Heale's signature.
- **Late 1880's:** Allerton copy of the *Ainsworth Psalter* advertised at Parsons & Sons Bookseller.
- **Late 1880's:** An anonymous person recognizes the psalter's historical significance and sends it to the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- **1889:** Morton Dexter reports the connection between Giles Heale's name in a copy of the Parson's Booksellers advertisement and William Mullins' will, writes to George Bowman; presents to the Massachusetts Historical Society (*Proceedings of the MHS* 1889-1890, Second Series, Vol. 5, 33-37).
- **1927:** Charles Banks addresses the MHS regarding the Mullins will and identity of Giles Heale (*Proceedings of the MHS*, Vol. LX, October 1926-February 1927, 144-150).

- George Bowman visits Yale Library to examine the Dexter copy of the Psalter with the "clipping" [copy] of the Parsons Booksellers' advertisement.
- **1936:** George Bowman visits the State Library of Virginia to examine the Psalter.

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Additions and Corrections

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Please note that the copy of the fall *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* on the GSMD website was updated on September 15, 2020. The only edit made was to the article by Peggy Baker, **"Sarah and Elizabeth Collier: Making a Mark in Plymouth Colony," pp 26-32.** A PDF of this article itself has also been uploaded so that the reader may print it out and keep it with their copy of the *Quarterly*. So that citations to page numbering remain the same, the numbering of the PDF remains identical as the printed fall issue. Our sincere apologies to the author, Peggy Baker.

A ROGERS FAMILY UPDATE

***MF* 19:225-227: Moses Hatch[6] and Ruth Hatch[6], Children of #160 Ebenezer and Mercy (Crocker[5]) Hatch**

by Peggy M. Baker

160. MERCY CROCKER[5] *(Mercy Phinney,*[4] *Mary*[3] *Rogers, Joseph,*[2] *Thomas*[1]*)* was born, probably at Barnstable, in 1717, the daughter of Eleazer and Mercy (Phinney) Crocker; she married at Falmouth 26 October 1737 Ebenezer Hatch 3rd (*Falmouth VR* 174).

The couple's children, apart from their oldest son Eleazer, are known only from Eleazer's will, written 3 February 1800, in which Eleazer named (among others) his brother Moses Hatch Junior and his sister-in-law Rachel Hatch – not Ruth Hatch, as mistakenly stated in *MF19[1]* #160 (*Barnstable Co PR McrFlm* 33:342).

Moses Hatch, brother of Eleazer, is therefore the Moses Hatch (then the 3rd) who published intentions at Falmouth 6 December 1783 and married there 27 May 1784 Rachel Weeks *(Falmouth VR Online; Falmouth VR* 177).

Eleazer Hatch also named his sister Ruth Hatch. She is not the Ruth Hatch who died at Falmouth in 1824, age unknown, as listed in *MF19[1]* #160 v. She can, instead, be identified as (probably) the Ruth Hatch who married Moses Hatch (son of Silvanus Hatch) 18 November 1790 (*Falmouth VR* 177).

Additional date-of-death information for Ruth (#160 v) and her brother Moses Hatch (#820), as well as for several other Hatch siblings, has changed their birth ranking. The earlier ranking, used in the first Thomas Rogers volume, will be maintained to allow for ease of coordination between the volumes, with Ruth Hatch, previously #160v, instead listed as #818A.

The significant updates to information included in the biography of Mercy Crocker [#160] in the first Thomas Rogers volume are:

#818A **RUTH HATCH**, b. ca. 1754. She d., as Ruth Hatch, 14 Feb. 1830, in her 77th year (*Find A Grave Online*: Old Burying Ground, Falmouth). She m. 18 Nov. 1790 MOSES HATCH, named as "Jr." in their int. (*Falmouth VR* 177).

#820 **MOSES HATCH**, b. ca. Jan. 1762. He d., 2 Oct. 1855, age 93 years 8 months 3 days (*Find A Grave Online:* East Falmouth's East End Burying Ground). As Moses Hatch "3rd," he published int. 6 Dec. 1783 and m. 27 May 1784 RACHEL WEEKS (*Falmouth VR Online; Falmouth VR* 177).

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A WARREN FAMILY UPDATE

MF 18:3:193, Who Did Joseph Rider[5] Marry?

by Carolyn Freeman Travers, former GSMD Librarian

The Richard Warren family *Silver Book*, states that #1028 Joseph Rider,[5] son of Joseph Rider and Abigail[4] Warren (*Benjamin,[3] Joseph,[2] Richard*[1]) who was born in Plymouth 15 June 1729, and died in Plymouth 19 March 1794, ae 65; married 1) Thankful Poland in Plymouth, 13 July 1752 and 2) Martha ( ) before May 1791. The four children listed for him are all considered to be by his first wife, Thankful, including Samuel (born 28 November, 1752 and died 19 December, 1752), Samuel (born 25 June 1754), an unnamed daughter (born and died 18 July 1757), and Hannah (born 17 August, 1760). The Mayflower Society has accepted lines through another daughter, Lydia, referencing a bible record filed with lineage paper GS#12585.

Based on a re-examination of the sources, the husband of Thankful Poland was most likely Joseph Rider, the son of Samuel and Experience (Atwood) Rider. The only wife of Joseph Rider[5], son of Joseph and Abigail[4] (Warren) Rider, was Martha ( ), and their only child who lived to adulthood was Lydia.

The sources used in *Mayflower Families* 18:3 to document the family of Joseph Rider were the *Vital Records of Plymouth to 1850, Plymouth Church Records, 1620-1859*, (Plymouth) Burial Hill records, and *Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth*, by William T. Davis. Note: The last is no longer considered by the Mayflower Society to be a reliable source. However, in this case, the family was documented by various contemporary land records, which are accepted.

Thankful Poland (also written as Pollan, Polden and Pullen) was born in Plymouth on 9 October 1725 to John and Lidia (Tilson) Poland.[1] She and three of her siblings were baptized in Plymouth First Church on 30 July 1732, as the children of Lydia Polden, wife of John Polden.[2]

The marriage record cited for Joseph Rider and Thankful Poland states that on 18 July 1752 Joseph Rider of *Province Town* and Thankful Polden of Plymouth, married at Plymouth.[3] While Provincetown is just across the bay from Plymouth, there is no evidence for Joseph of Plymouth having moved there. A search of the Provincetown vital records reveals another Joseph, born to Samuel and Experience (Atwood) Rider on October 11, 1730.[4] As a native of Provincetown, it would be expected that he would have been described as "of Province Town" in his marriage record, and the fact that the name of his father, Samuel, was used twice for Joseph's sons also argues for Thankful's husband being this Joseph rather than the Joseph born in Plymouth to Joseph and Abigail.

The final pieces of evidence involve the deaths of Joseph Rider, son of Joseph, and of Thankful Rider. While there are several men named Joseph Rider in Plymouth in the late 18th century, it seems most likely that the Joseph, son of Joseph and Abigail[4] (Warren) Rider, is buried in the family group around Joseph and Abigail on Burial Hill in Plymouth.[5] Besides Joseph and Abigail, the stones mark the graves of known family members including two sons who died young, Tilden and Joseph; adult sons William and Benjamin; Benjamin's wife, Patience; and the Joseph in question, whose death date on the stone is given as 19 March 1794.[6] The stone on the outer left of the group is that of Joseph Warren Alberson, born and died June 25, 1778, the son of Mr. Jacob Alberson and Lydia his wife. This stone will figure in the discussion of Joseph's daughter, Lydia, below.

Thankful Poland was baptized in Plymouth First Church as noted above. Her death is also noted in the church records: October 23rd 1789 "Thankful Ryder Widw (Poldn once)."[7] The inclusion of her maiden name in the record identifies her clearly as the Thankful Ryder in question, important as there was another church member named Thankful Ryder who died in Plymouth 5 June 1773.[8] The inclusion of the descriptor "Widow" in 1789, indicates that the Joseph Ryder who died in 1794 could not have been her husband. Her husband is much more likely to be the Joseph, son of Samuel and Experience (Atwood) Ryder who was born in Provincetown in 1730. This Joseph Ryder married Thankful Polden, and they are the parents of the children listed in *MF* 18:3:193, viz: Samuel, Samuel, daughter, Hannah. Note that these children do not have Warren ancestry.

The second question to consider is whether the line through Joseph, son of Joseph, through a supposed daughter Lydia has sufficient documentation. The line was first submitted in 1935, being approved on 18 April 1935 as GS#12585 OH#361. The references for Lydia included *Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth*, a photostatic copy of the family record from the bible of Joseph Ryder, and, written in, most likely by the Historian General, "VR RI 4:2:112" [*Vital Records of Rhode Island*, Volume 4 section 2, page 112]. A discussion of each source follows:

In *Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth*, in the section "Titles of Estates," there is a discussion of a property bought by Joseph Rider in 1721 and a house he built there, still standing at the time the book was written. "The easterly end ... descended to Benjamin Rider, the son of Joseph, and from him to his daughter Patience, the wife of George Sampson ... The westerly end passed from Joseph Rider to his daughter Lydia, wife of Jacob Albertson, who sold it, in 1798, to Amasiah

Harlow."[9] Martha Albertson, daughter of Jacob and Lydia, had married Amaziah Harlow Jr., Plymouth, 8 April 1796.[10] This chain of property transferal supports the identification of Lydia (Rider) Albertson as the granddaughter of Joseph and Abigail[4] (Warren) Rider through their son Joseph.

The copies of the bible pages submitted with GS# 12585 include the title page, a statement concerning original ownership and two pages of family records, which appear to be in three different hands. Note: I will not attempt to duplicate the spacing, or letter size for the following, but have tried to maintain the grouping.

The bible was printed in 1730. The owner's statement says "This Bible was bought in Holland by Captn Joseph Durfee of Newport for Joseph Rider in 1763 & was newbound at Boston in 1795."

Joseph Rider and Martha Was Married September 6 1751 [date crowded into the page's edge]

Lydia Was Born Sept 7 1755
Joseph Was Born July 31, 1760
Joseph Died Aug 23rd 1760

Joseph Rider died March 30th 1794 age 66
Martha Rider died August 25th 1802 age 78

Jacob Albertson died October 13 1832 aged 81 and 8 mths
Lydia Albertson died Sept 27 1833 aged 78

Patience Lamb Died Nov 30th 1844, Aged 53 years
Lydia G. Bellows Died Sept 27th 1847 Aged 63 years

[The second page is the family record of Jacob Albertson and Lydia Ryder.]

Jacob Albertson and Lydia Ryder Was married November 30th 1775. He was 23 years 10 months & she was 20 years 2 months old.

Their child first a son born 25th June 1778 and died the same day named Joseph Warren

The second a Daughter born August 30th 1779 named Patty

The 3rd a son born December 4th 1781named Joseph Ryder – he died September 9th 1782

The 4th a Daughter born 19th October 1783 named Lydia Gardner

The 5th a Daughter July 28 1785 named Peggy she died October 27 same year

The 6th a Daughter named Esther born July 11th 1787

The 7th a Daughter named Jane Spooner born August 25th 1789

The 8th a Daughter born 21st July 1791 named Patience Howland

The bible record contains four pieces of information which are particularly useful for establishing Lydia's ancestry. The bible was purchased by a Newport sea captain in 1763; Joseph Rider died 30 March 1794, aged 66; and Jacob and Lydia Albertson had a son, Joseph Warren Albertson, who was born and died 25 June 1778. The Newport connection supports the birth reference for Lydia from the Rhode Island vital records. On September 7, 1755, Lydia was born in Newport, to Joseph Rider – no mother was named.[11] This matches her birth date as recorded in the Ryder bible. While not an exact match, the date recorded for Joseph's death is within a day of that given in the Plymouth Church Records, March 31, 1794.[12] Finally, there is the gravestone of Joseph Warren Alberson in the cluster of stones for the family of Joseph and Abigail (Warren) Rider on Burial Hill, which supports a family connection.[13]

Additional support for Martha, Lydia and Jacob Albertson as the heirs of Joseph Rider comes from numerous deeds, in addition to the 15 January 1798 deed referred to in *Ancient Landmarks* in which Jacob Albertson, wife Lydia, and Martha Ryder sold a house and house lot in Plymouth, formerly that of father Joseph Ryder, to Amasiah Harlow.[14] A court case in the November 1821 session referred to property owned by Lydia Albertson which had descended to her "as the sole heir of her father Joseph Rider, who had been seized of it for 40 years..."[15] At that time Jacob and Lydia Albertson were both of Holliston. There are other deeds and probate records connecting Martha to Joseph Ryder and family, the most interesting of which involve ownership of a pew in the first precinct church. Joseph Warren had included in the real estate owned at his 1737 death "the Seats in the Meeting House."[16] His eldest son, William, had what was perhaps the same pew as, after his death, his three heirs, brothers Joseph and Benjamin, and sister, Abigail Holmes, each received "one-third part of the said Dec'ds pew in the meeting house belonging to the first parish in Plymouth."[17] Finally, Martha Rider as Joseph's widow, received as part of her dower of his estate, "one third part of a pew in the first precinct meeting house in the said Plymouth on the lower floor No.7."[18]

The last question is Martha's identity. The likeliest candidate is a Martha Mason of Swansea. On 6 September 1753, "Joseph Rider of Newport and Martha Mason of Swanzey" were married.[19] The month and day match the marriage in the Ryder bible, although the year is off by two. There were two women named Martha Mason born in Swansea; one born to Cristofer and Lydia Mason on 1 July 1726, and the other to Oliver and Marther Mason on November 15, 1729.[20] Again,

neither match Martha's given age at death, aged 78 on 25 August 1802, thus born *ca*1724, therefore further research is needed.

To summarize, the corrected information in the sketch in the Warren *Silver Book*, vol. 18, part 3, page 193, based on the records cited herein, should read as follows.

#1028 JOSEPH RIDER, son of Joseph Rider and Abigail[4] Warren (*Benjamin,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *Richard*[1]), born Plymouth, 15 June 1729 and died there 19 or 30 March 1794, age 66.

Joseph married either 6 September 1751, **MARTHA** ( ), whose identity is unknown, and who died 25 August 1802, age 78, thus was born ca 1724; or he is the Joseph Rider who married at Swanzey, 6 September 1753, **MARTHA MASON** who died 25 August 1802, age 78, thus was born *ca*1724. Whichever is the case, Joseph had only one wife, Martha, and one child.

CHILD (RIDER):

i. **LYDIA RIDER**, b. Newport, RI, 7 Sept. 1755; d. 27 Sept. 1833, aged 78; m. 30 Nov. 1775, **Jacob Albertson**, who d. 13 Oct. 1832, aged 81y8m. Children: b. at Plymouth

- i. **JOSEPH WARREN ALBERTSON**, Stillborn, 25 June 1778
- ii. **PATTY ALBERTSON,** b. 30 Aug. 1779; m. 1) (as *Martha*) Amaziah Harlow Jr., 8 April 1796; m. 2) (as *Patty*), William Churchell, 24 May 1807.[21]
- iii. **JOSEPH ALBERTSON,** b. 4 Dec. 1781, d. 9 Sept. 1782.
- iv. **LYDIA GARDNER ALBERTSON**, b. 19 Oct. 1783; m. int. at Shrewsbury, 29 June 1805, Lyscom Bellows.[22]
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- vii. **JANE SPOONER ALBERTSON**, b. 25 Aug. 1789; m. Shrewsbury, Daniel Lamb, 23 April, 1811.[24]
- viii. **PATIENCE HOWLAND ALBERTSON**, b. 21 July 1791; m. Shrewsbury, 21 Dec. 1812, Reuben Lamb[25] (Daniel's brother).

Carolyn Freeman Travers retired as the Mayflower Society's librarian in December 2019. She now works as a research assistant part-time with the Applications Manager reviewing *Mayflower* lines.

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Review: James W. Baker's *Plymouth Rock's Own Story*

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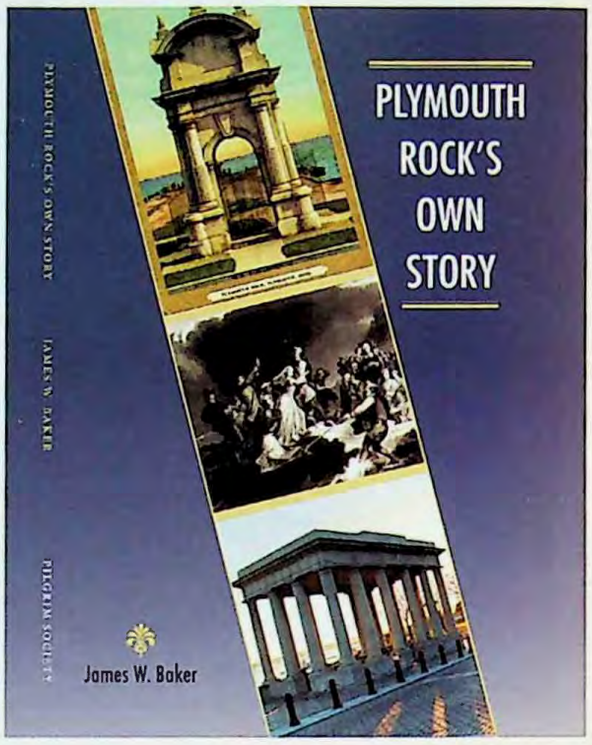

Plymouth historian James W. Baker has written a superb, succinct, extraordinarily well-illustrated history of Plymouth Rock. No one else could have written this book this well. A lifelong resident of Plymouth and descendant of 14 lines of *Mayflower* descendants, Baker served as Director of Research at Plimoth Plantation and President of the Old Colony Club. He shares knowledge he garnered as author of *Thanksgiving: The Biography of an American Holiday, A Guide to Historic Plymouth*, other books, and countless articles. Baker knows the history and traditions of the Rock — and the stories, photos, and illustrations that bring its symbolism to life.

After reviewing the Rock's geology–it came to Plymouth inside a glacier–Baker offers an in-depth examination of its human history. He acknowledges the mysterious absence of the Rock in Edward Winslow's *Mourt's Relation* (1622), William Bradford's *Of Plimoth Plantation* (1630-1651), and Nathaniel Morton's *New England's Memorial* (1669), as well as the skepticism that has arisen from its non-appearance in 17th century records.

Baker slices through the mists of time to reveal the "Grat Rock" along the shore in 1715 and Jane Doten Palmer's 1720s recollection of its "quiet repose at the water's edge...oval and regular...and favorable for the uses which uniform tradition has always assigned to it." And what "uses" were those? Baker quotes Dr. James Thacher's 1832 *History of the Town of Plymouth*, which describes how Plymouth's last ruling Elder, leading antiquarian, and Town Clerk, Thomas Faunce, memorialized the Rock "on which the sea-wearied Pilgrims first leaped from the shallop coming from the *Mayflower*," a story that "has never been a subject of doubtful designation." Historic paintings, photos, and records from the Old Colony Club and Pilgrim Hall archives illustrate this granitic Pilgrim's progress from Hedge Wharf to Town Square, Pilgrim Hall, and the Plymouth waterfront. Baker chronicles the construction of stone canopies and monuments erected in 1867, 1920, and afterwards. He examines the Rock's desecrations with red paint and analyzes the evolving idealism it has symbolized over the centuries.

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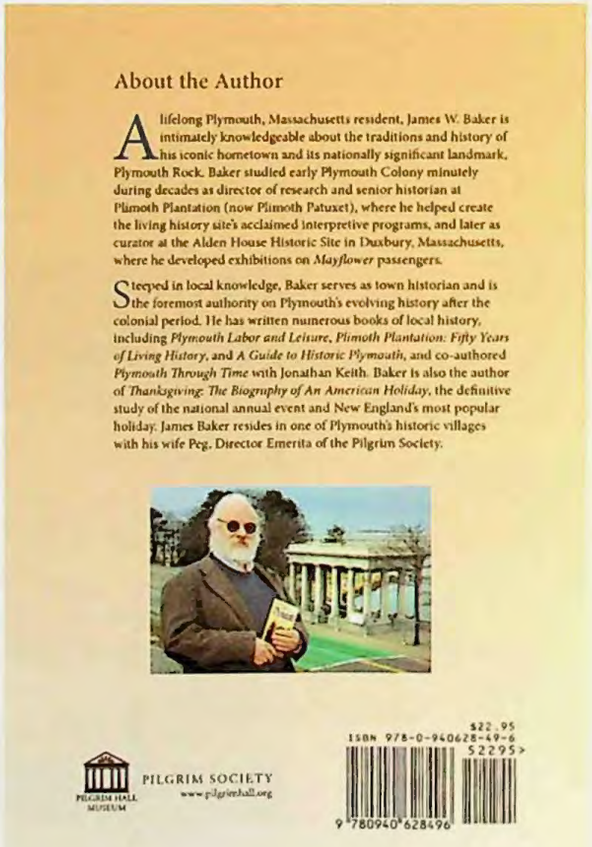
Kudos to Jim Baker for donating this book to Pilgrim Hall. He shares a life's love of history, tradition, and research. I recommend *Plymouth Rock's Own Story* to anyone interested in filling a *Mayflower* descendant's Christmas stocking or learning more about Plymouth.


About the Author
A lifelong Plymouth, Massachusetts resident, James W. Baker is intimately knowledgeable about the traditions and history of his iconic hometown and its nationally significant landmark, Plymouth Rock. Baker studied early Plymouth Colony minutely during decades as director of research and senior historian at Plimoth Plantation (now Plimoth Patuxet), where he helped create the living history site's acclaimed interpretive programs, and later as curator at the Alden House Historic Site in Duxbury, Massachusetts, where he developed exhibitions on *Mayflower* passengers.
Steeped in local knowledge, Baker serves as town historian and is the foremost authority on Plymouth's evolving history after the colonial period. He has written numerous books of local history, including *Plymouth Labor and Leisure*, *Plimoth Plantation: Fifty Years of Living History*, and *A Guide to Historic Plymouth*, and co-authored *Plymouth Through Time* with Jonathan Keith. Baker is also the author of *Thanksgiving: The Biography of An American Holiday*, the definitive study of the national annual event and New England's most popular holiday. James Baker resides in one of Plymouth's historic villages with his wife Peg, Director Emerita of the Pilgrim Society.
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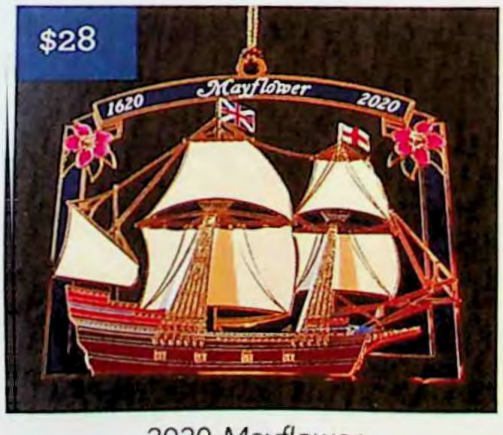

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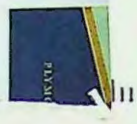

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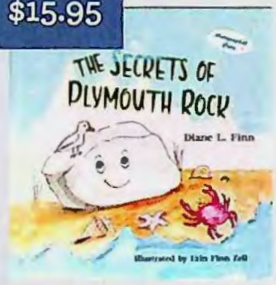

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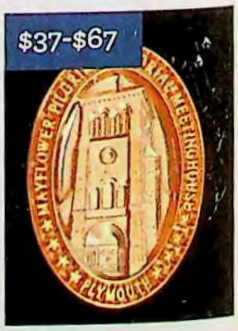

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